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**Blackhawk**  
battles EVIL  
in the blazing  
fury of the  
desert!







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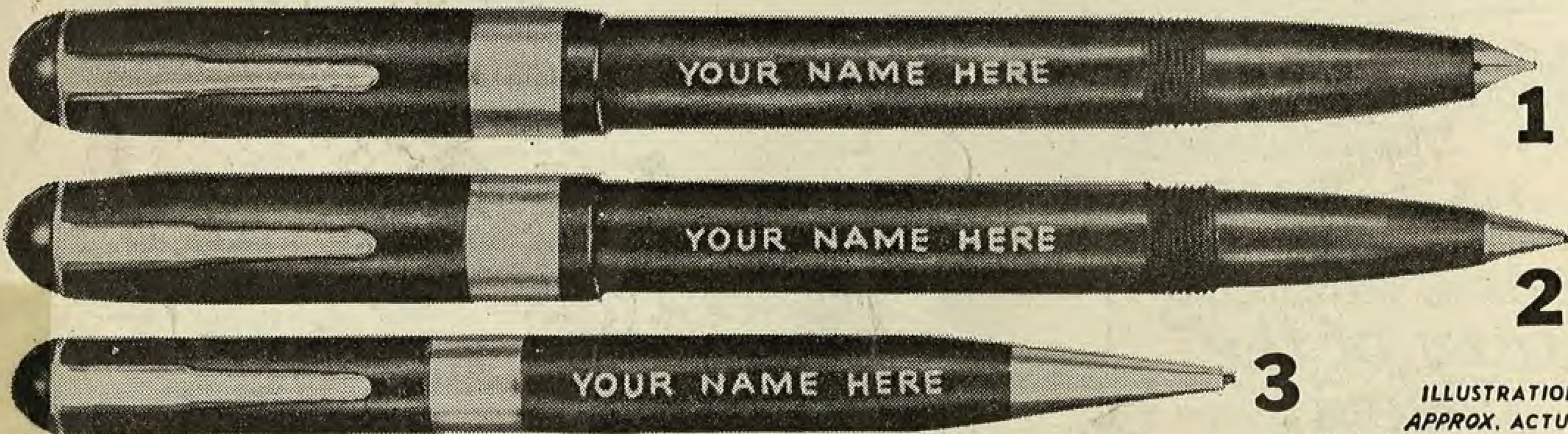
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# BLACKHAWK



**T**he desert... scorched by the heat of the sun and blazing with man-made fury! Its dry sands can quickly become wet with blood; its silences are often torn by shouts of warring tribes!

Even in this remote and naked corner of the earth, the fighting **BLACKHAWKS** muster to foil a murderous plot and a selfish, deceitful despot!



Night on the Haggari desert...

THE MOON IS HIGH! IT IS THE NOON OF NIGHT!

THE PROPER TIME FOR US TO COMPLETE OUR GREAT PLANS!

THE WESTERN INFIDEL NATIONS HAVE WORN THEMSELVES OUT WITH THEIR WARS! NO LONGER CAN THEY RULE THE DESERT! OUR TIME IS AT HAND!

ALLAH MAKES YOU WISE, O KIMRI KHAN! BUT IF OUR PEOPLES WILL NOT RISE?



THEY **MUST** RISE! TELL THEM THIS IS A **HOLY WAR!** THE INFIDELS OPPRESS US...WE MUST JOIN AND DESTROY THEM!

KIMRI KHAN SPEAKS TRUTH! NOW...WHILE THE ENEMY DISPUTES AND FORGETS US...LET US STRIKE FOR MASTERY OF OUR DESERT LANDS!



HOW DO YOU VOTE, MY BROTHERS?

AYE!

AYE!

AYE!



I VOTE TO FOLLOW KIMRI KHAN!

AYE!

NO, BY ALLAH!

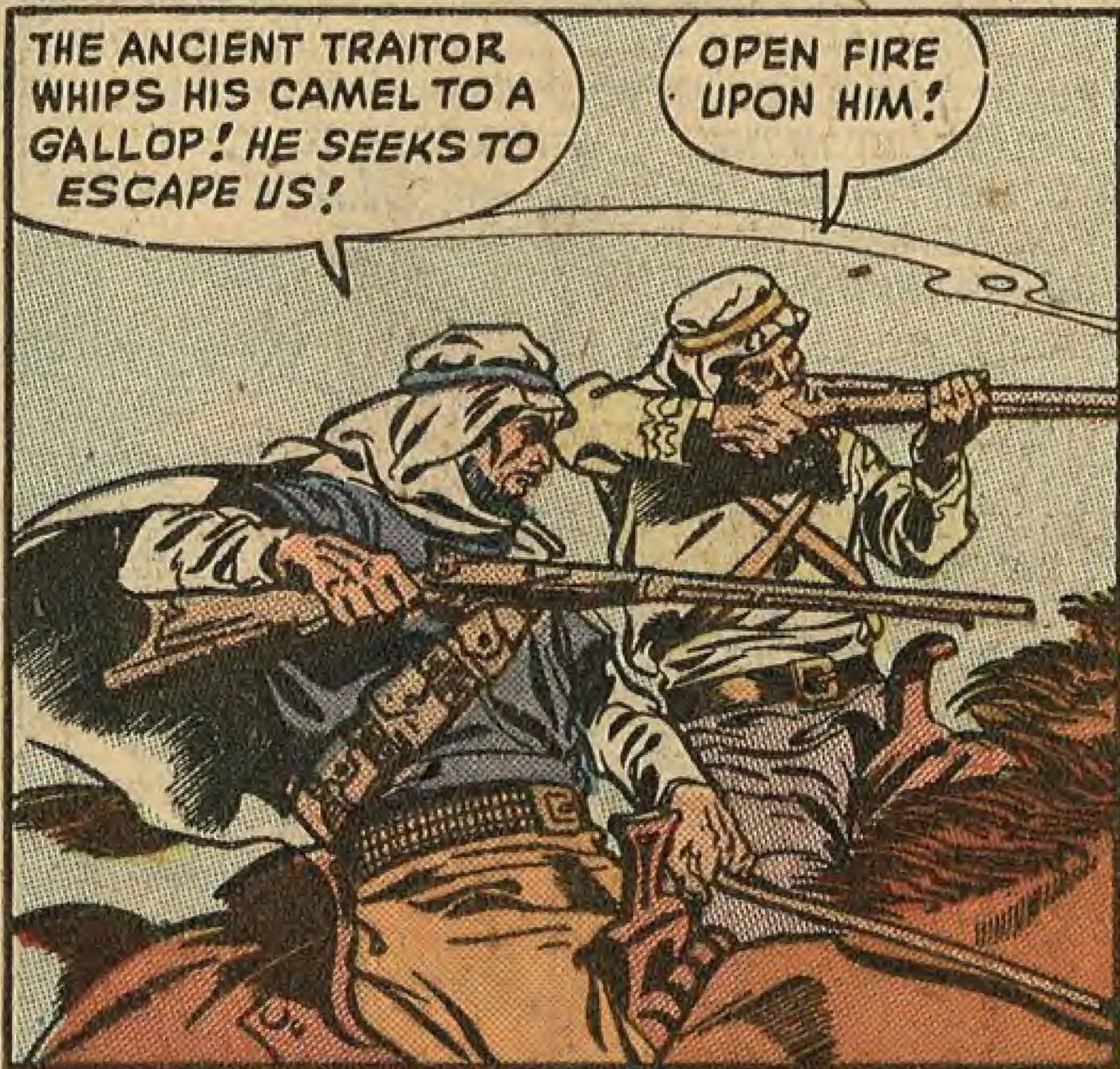


MY PEOPLE ARE THE FRIENDS OF THE FOREIGNERS! THEY ARE NOT OF OUR FAITH BUT THEY ARE HONORABLE AND JUST!

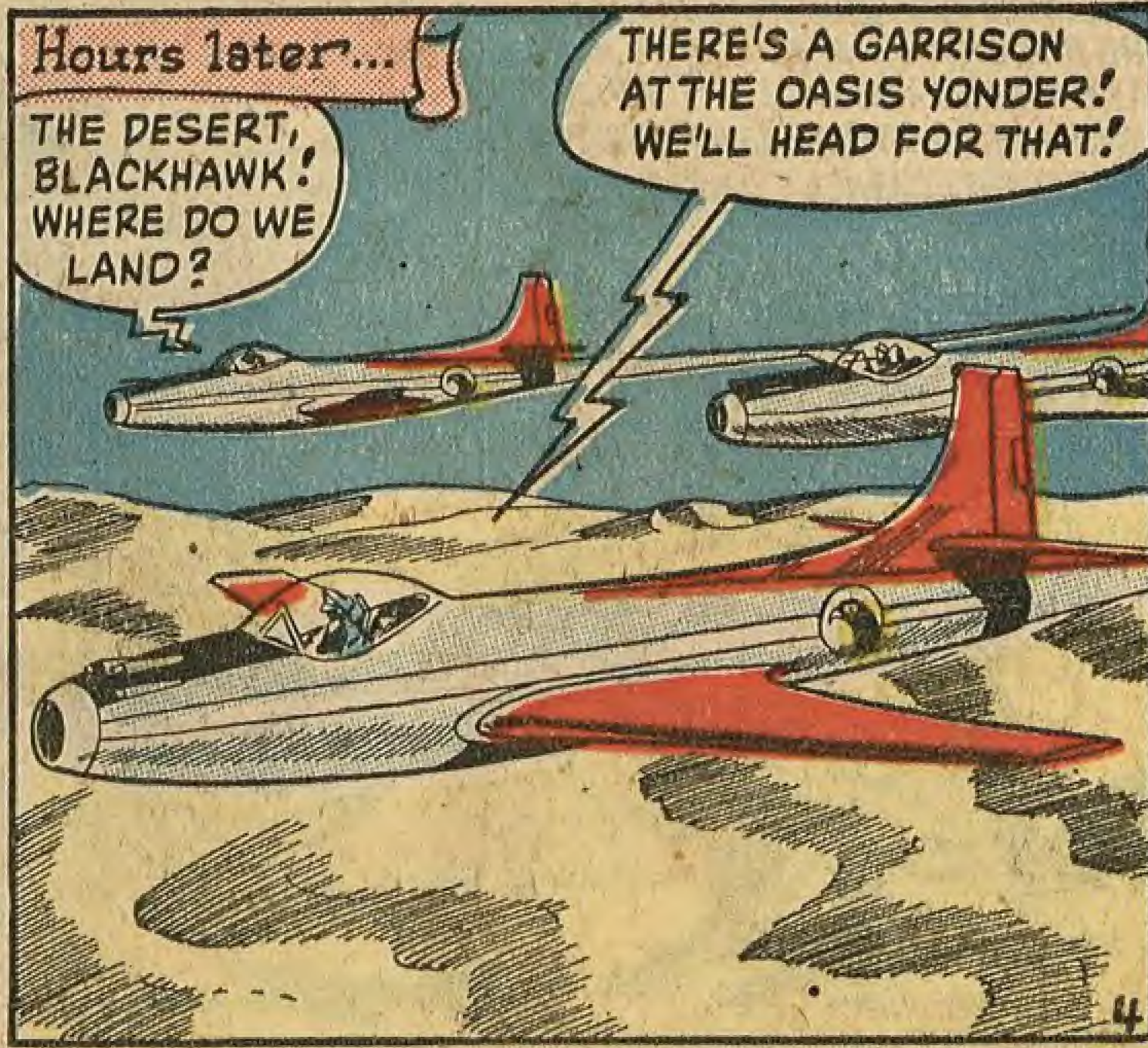
SHEIKH ZANAR, YOU ARE AN OLD FOOL! THE WESTERN PEOPLES SEEK TO CONQUER AND STARVE US!















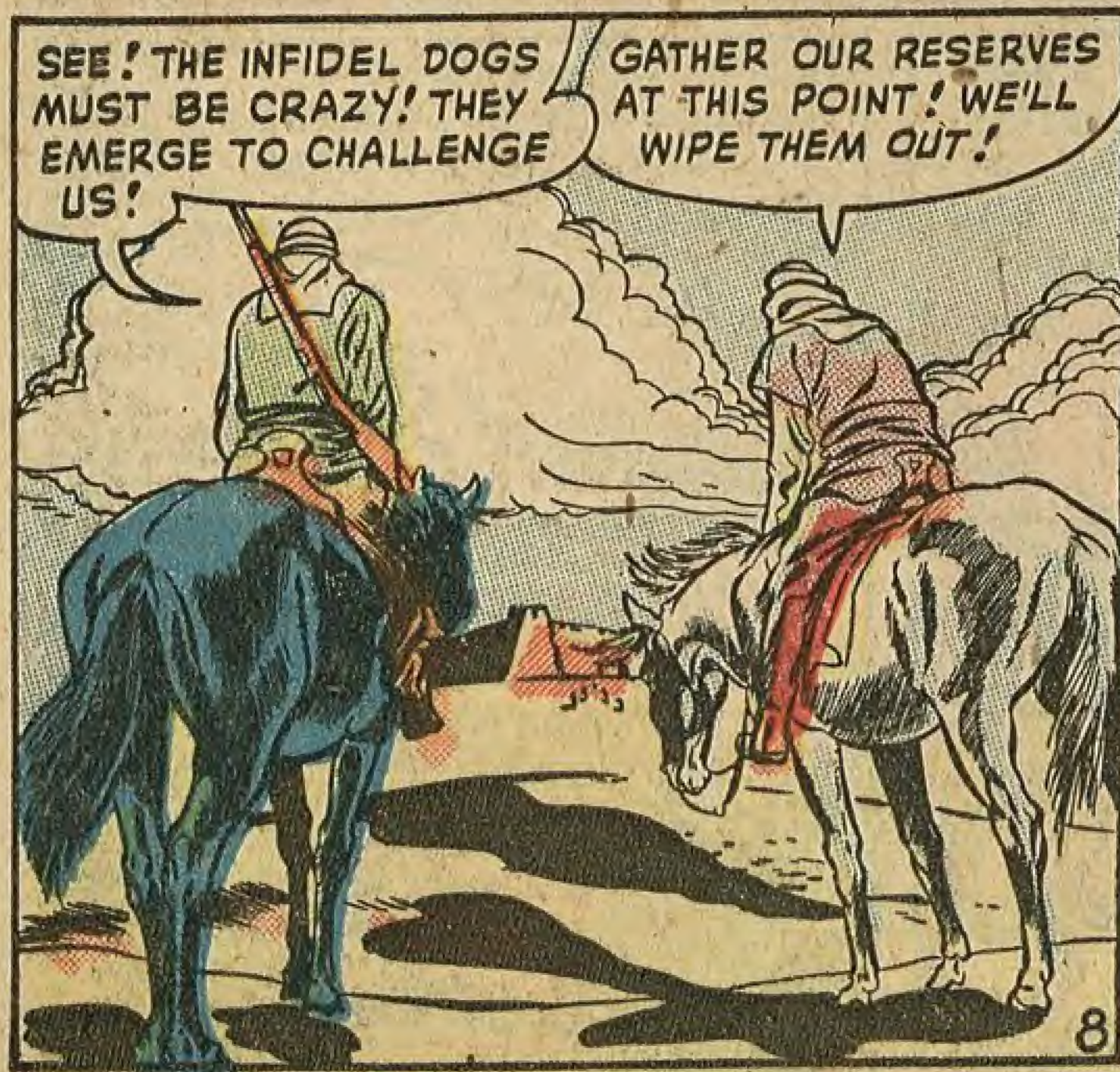
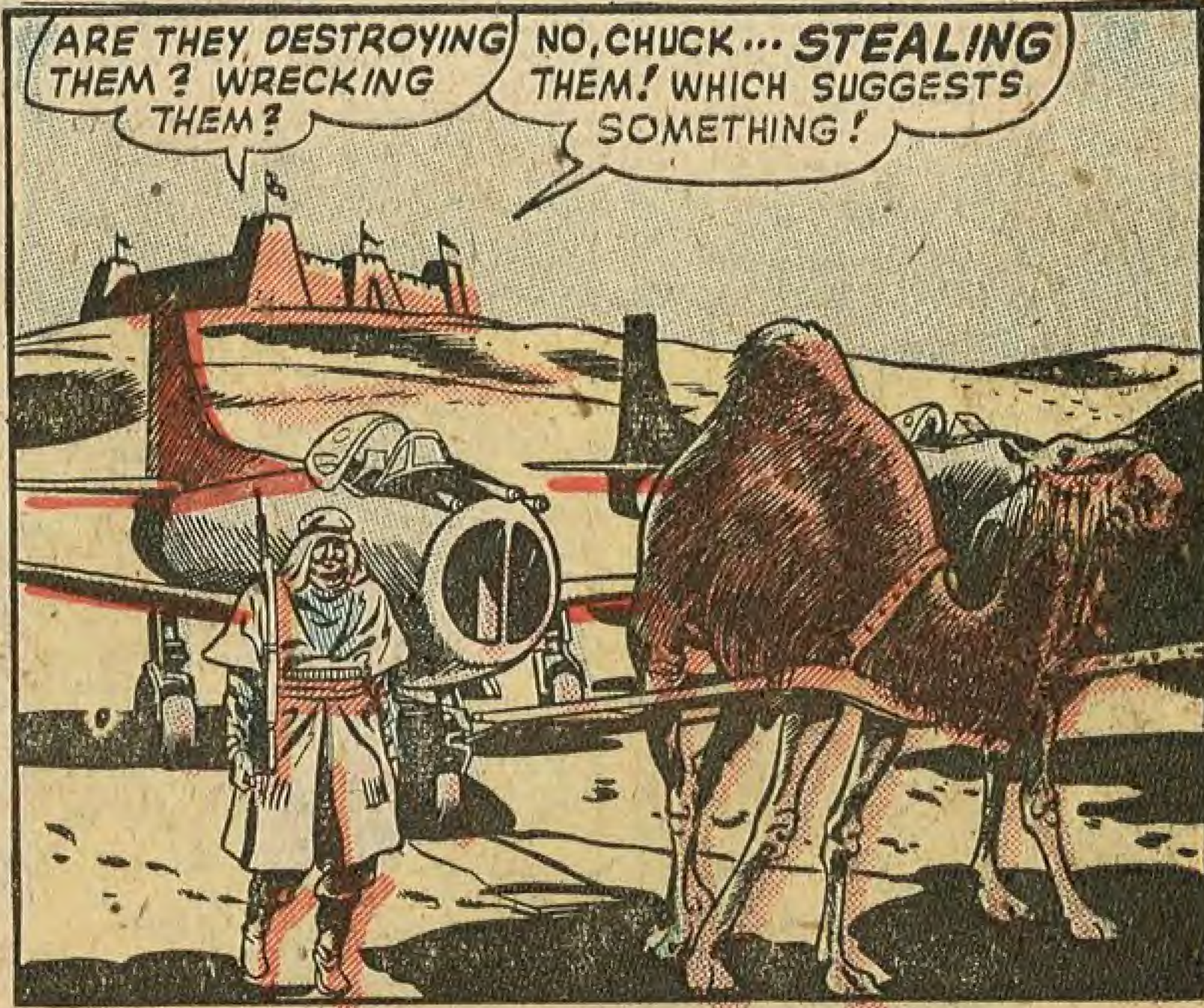




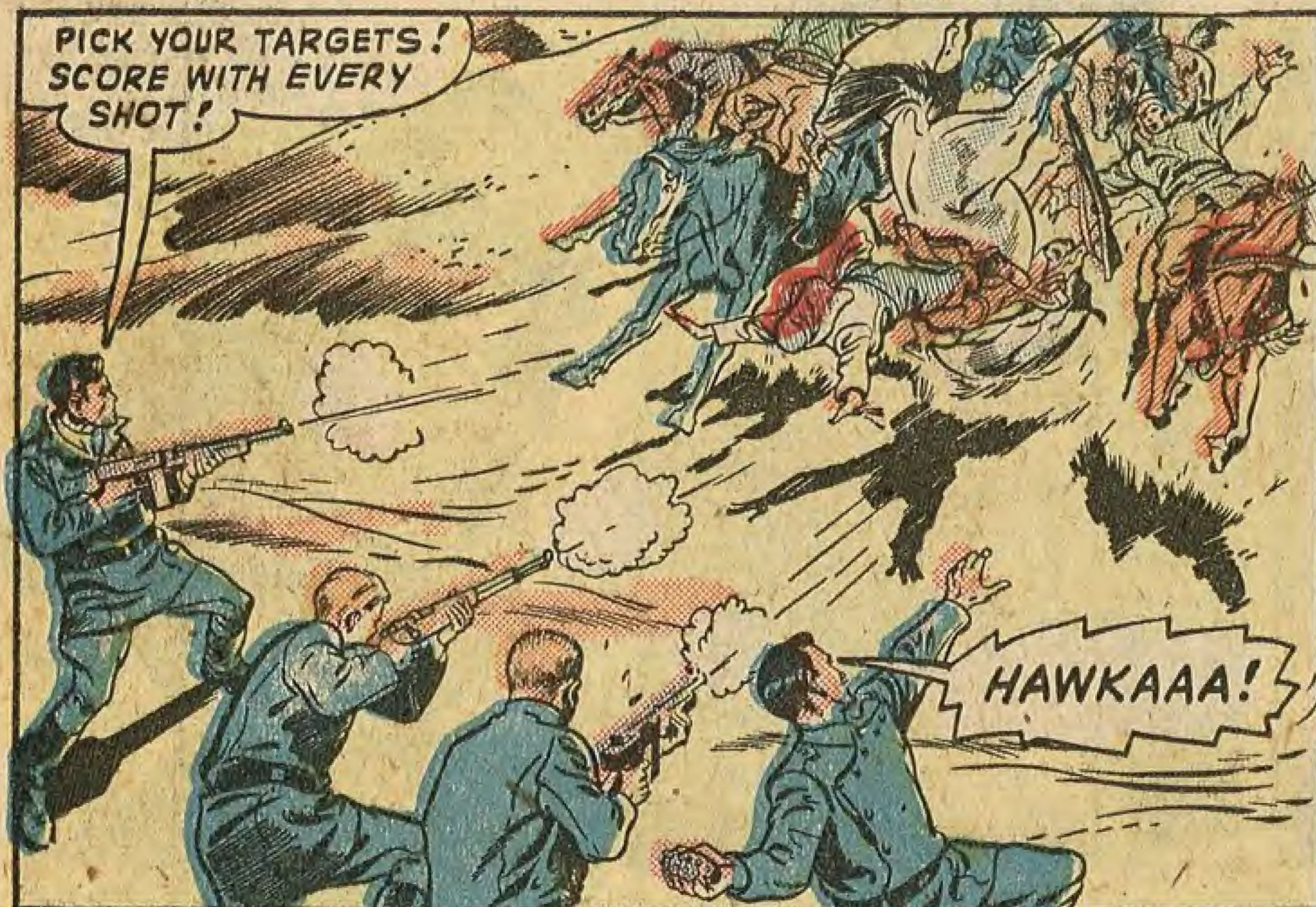












PICK YOUR TARGETS!  
SCORE WITH EVERY  
SHOT!

HAWKAAA!



THAT IS BLACK MAGIC!  
WE CANNOT FACE SUCH  
A STORM OF FIRE!

RETREAT!  
LEAD THEM  
FULL INTO OUR  
MAIN GROUP!  
NUMBERS WILL  
DESTROY  
THEM!



A MIRACLE! IN THEIR  
MOMENT OF VICTORY,  
THEY FALL BACK TO  
THEIR FORT!



WELL, WE DID WHAT  
WE WENT OUT TO  
DO!

BUT NOT ALL OF  
YOU HAVE  
RETURNED!



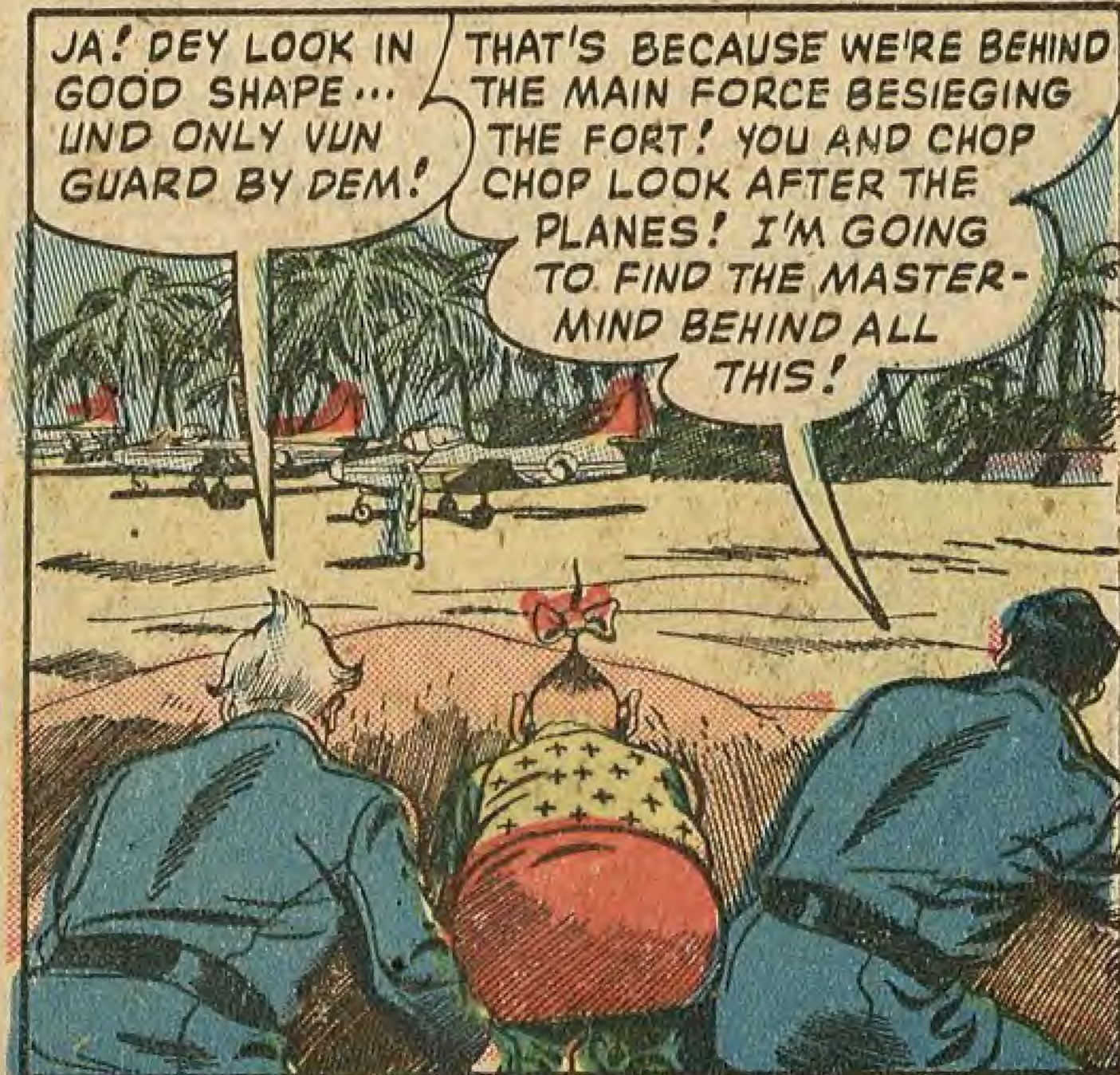
BLACKHAWK DID NOT  
COME BACK! NOR  
HENDRICKSON...  
NOR POOR LITTLE  
CHOP CHOP!

OUI  
VRAIMENT!  
WE KNEW  
ZEY WOULD  
NOT COME  
BACK!



IT WORKED! IN THE EXCITEMENT  
OF THE BATTLE, WE WERE ABLE  
TO HIDE OUT HERE WHERE WE  
COULD OBSERVE!

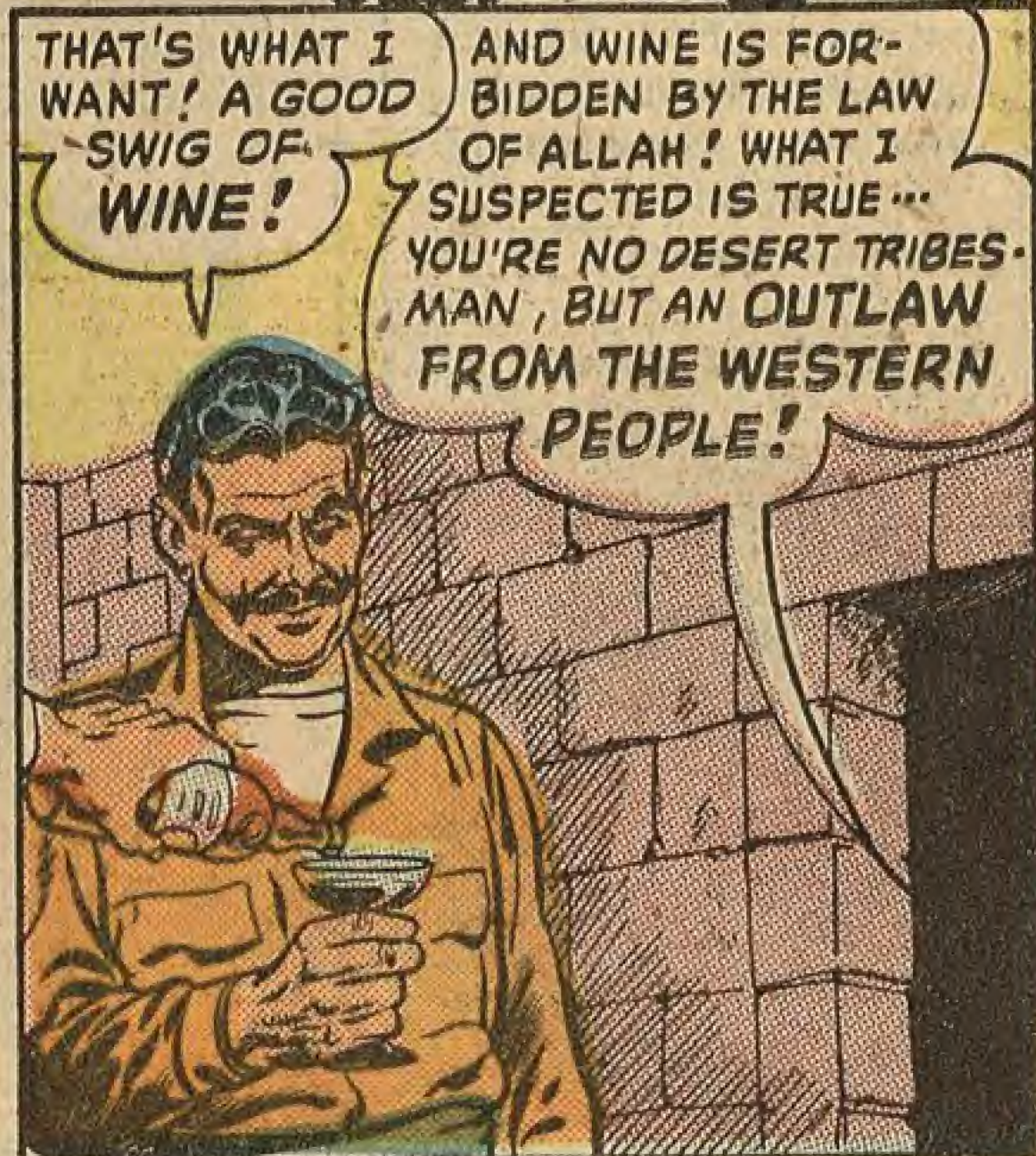
LOOKEE SEE!  
PLANES ALL  
TOGETHER...  
BEHIND THE  
TLEES CLOSE  
UP!



JA! DEY LOOK IN  
GOOD SHAPE...  
UND ONLY VUN  
GUARD BY DEM!

THAT'S BECAUSE WE'RE BEHIND  
THE MAIN FORCE BESIEGING  
THE FORT! YOU AND CHOP  
CHOP LOOK AFTER THE  
PLANES! I'M GOING  
TO FIND THE MASTER-  
MIND BEHIND ALL  
THIS!







IF YOU'RE A CHIEF OF THE DESERT, WHY NOT RECOGNIZE THE FACT THAT FOREIGNERS WANT TO HELP THE TRIBESMEN LIVE SAFER AND BETTER?

FOREIGN WAYS ARE TOO MODERN! THE TRIBES WILL GROW TO KNOW TOO MUCH... MAYBE OVER-THROW ME!



IN A WORD, YOU WANT TO BE MASTER...NOT OF MEN, BUT OF FOOLS! THIS UPRISING IS SUPPOSED TO MAKE THAT CERTAIN!

OH, I HAVE A FEW WISE HELPERS! ONE OF THEM WRECKED THE FORT'S RADIO... OTHERS WILL FLY THOSE AIRPLANES YOU KINDLY LEFT IN MY HANDS!



THE PLANES WILL HELP ME ESTABLISH A POWERFUL NATION HERE... WITH MYSELF AS THE ONE RICH RULER!

DICTATORSHIP, EH? YOU'LL FAIL, LIKE ALL THE OTHER TYRANTS, AND I'LL LAUGH AT YOU!



HE MOCKS YOU! LET ME STRIKE HIM DEAD!

NO!!



SUCH WORDS AS HE SPEAKS ARE NOT TO BE AVENGED BY DEATH ALONE! HE MUST DIE IN TORTURE!

I SEE THAT I'VE ALREADY SUCCEEDED IN TORTURING YOUR CONSCIENCE!



AND THAT IS PART OF MY PLAN!

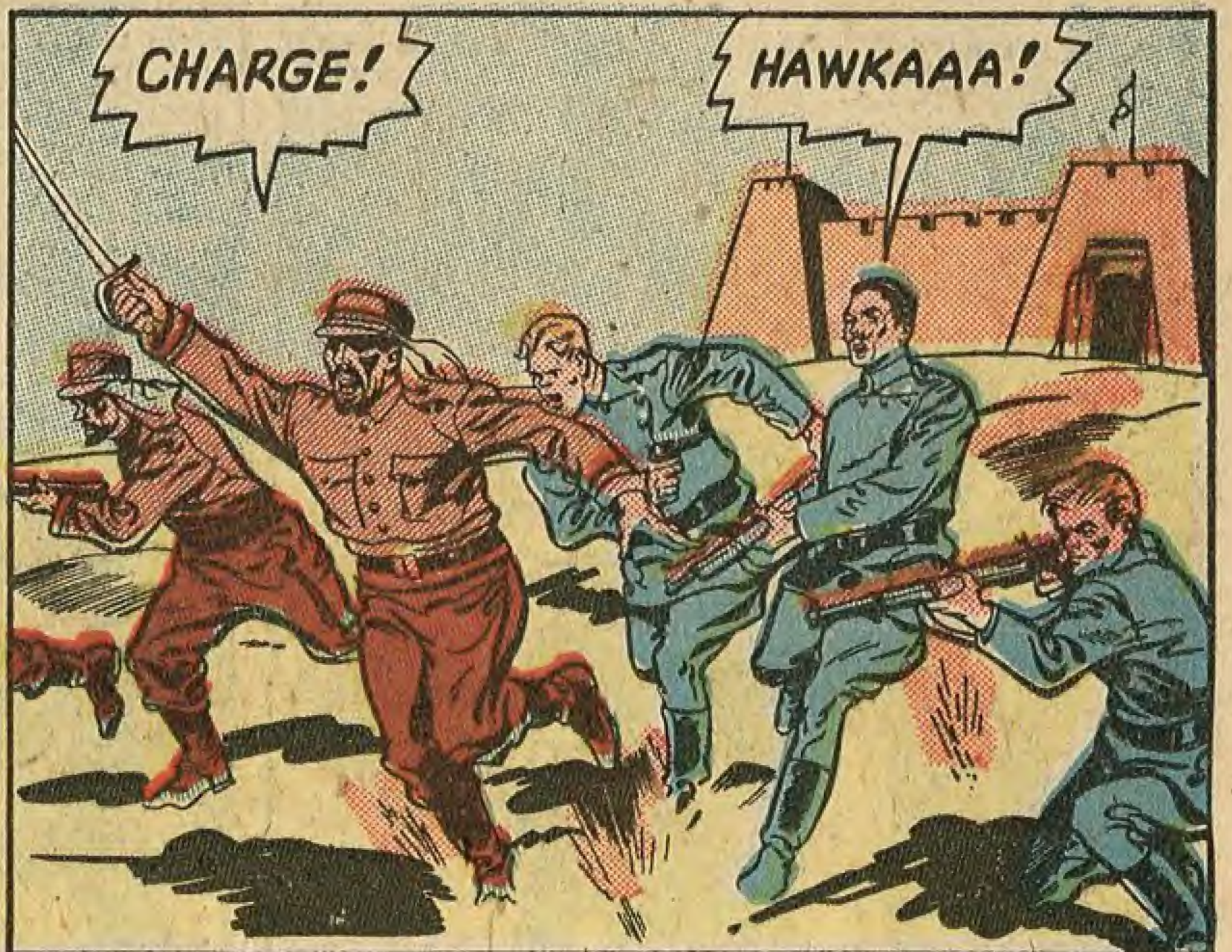
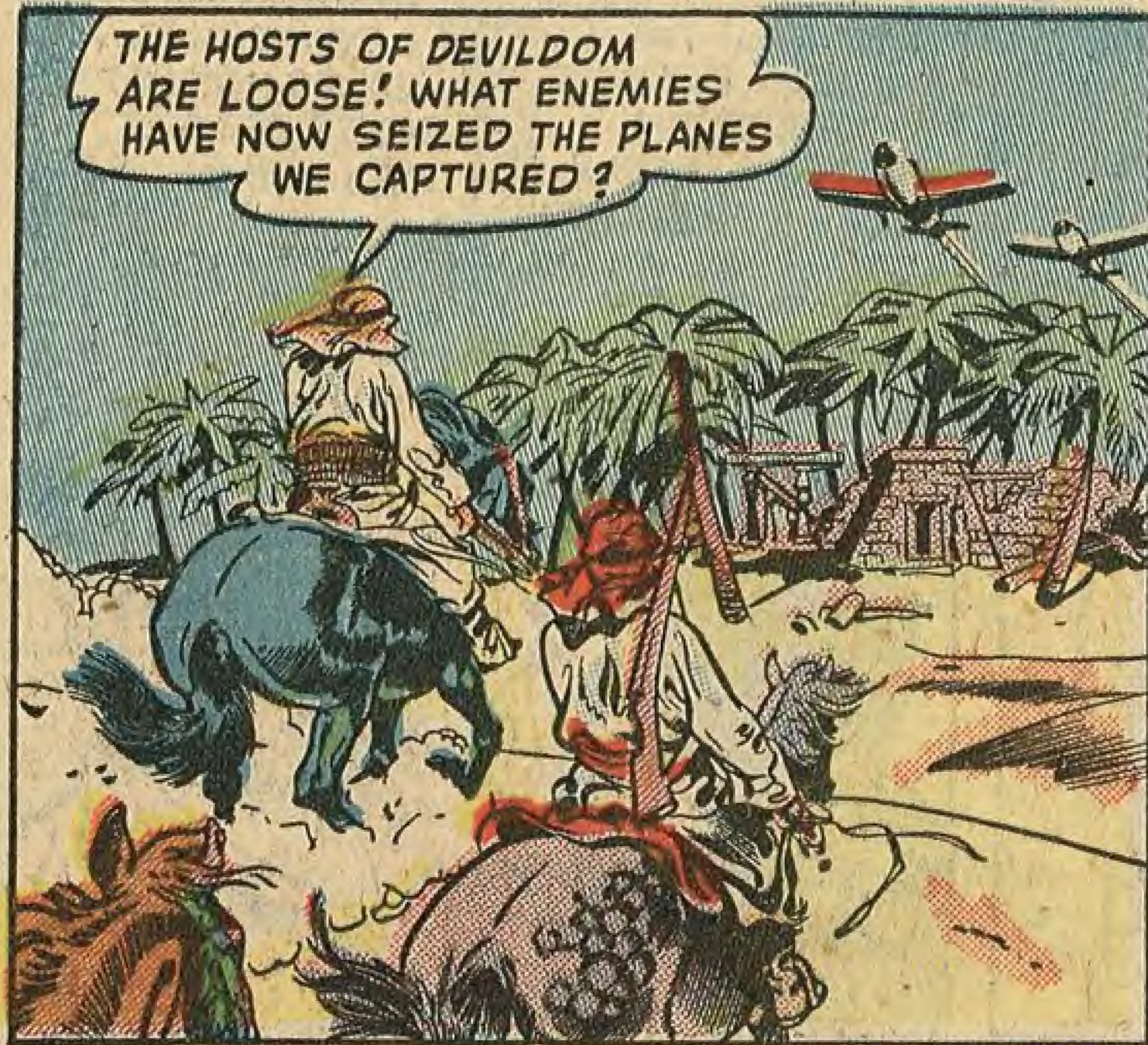
SEIZE HIM AND TIE HIM FAST! I MYSELF WILL TORTURE HIM!



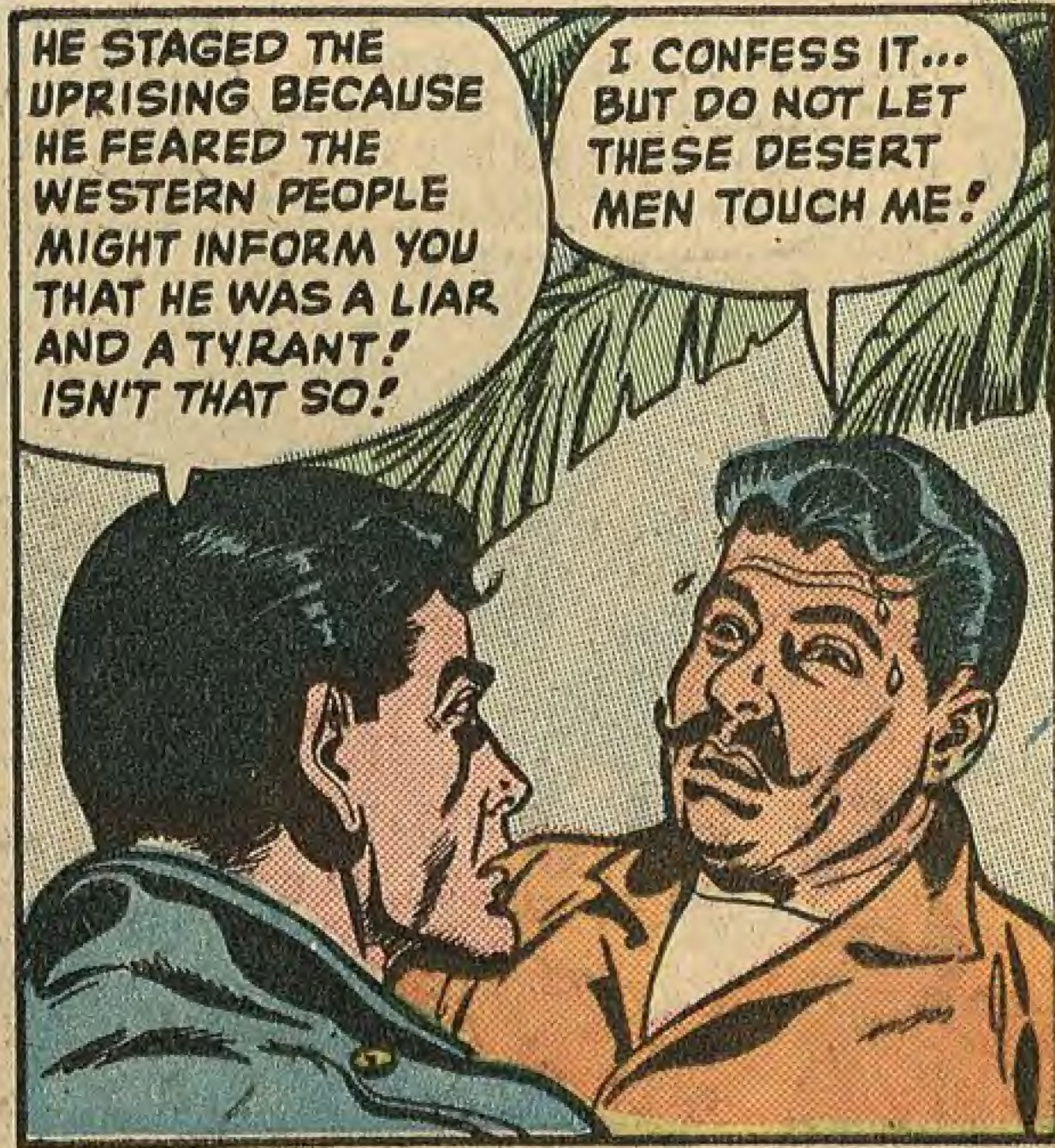




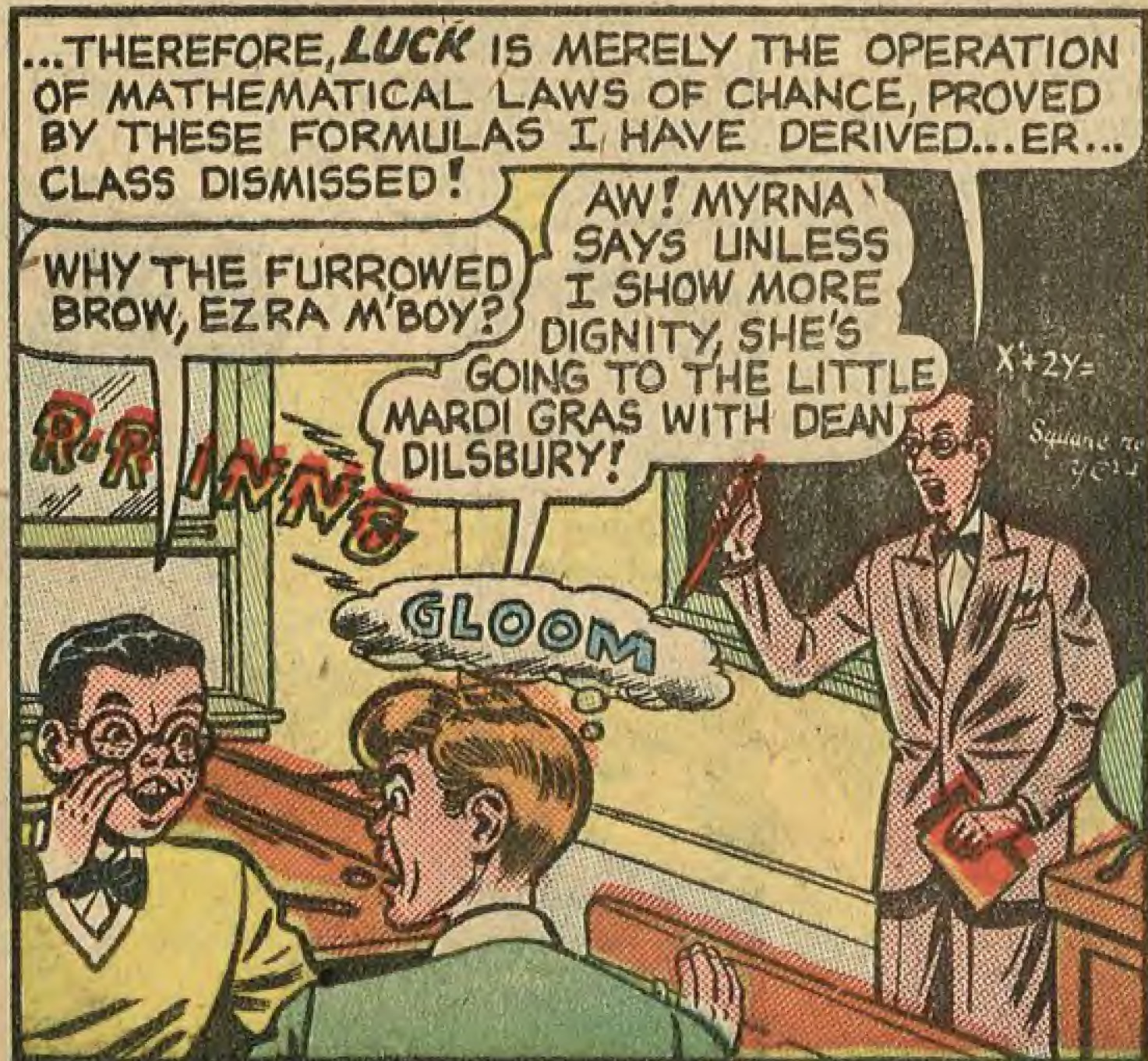




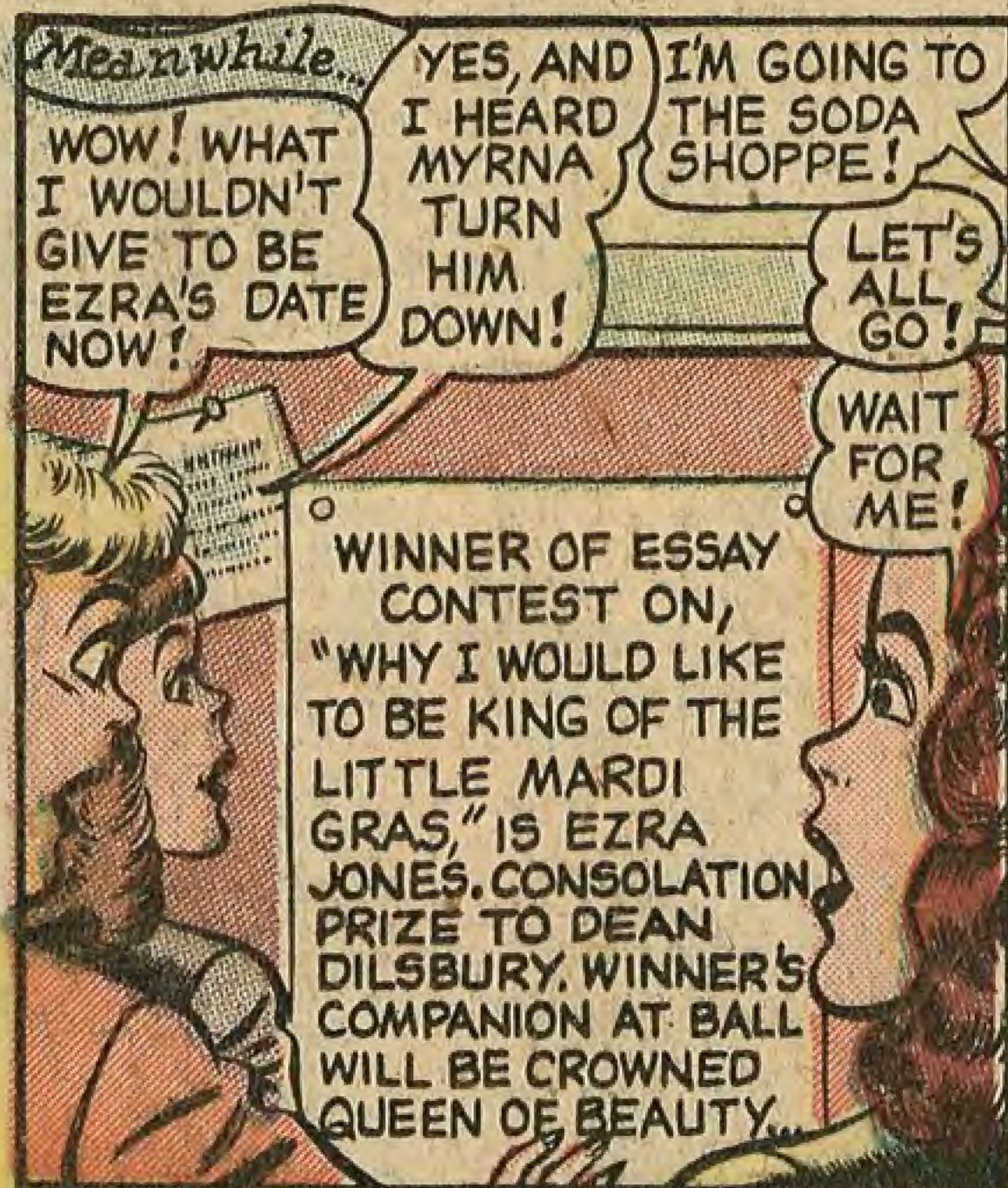
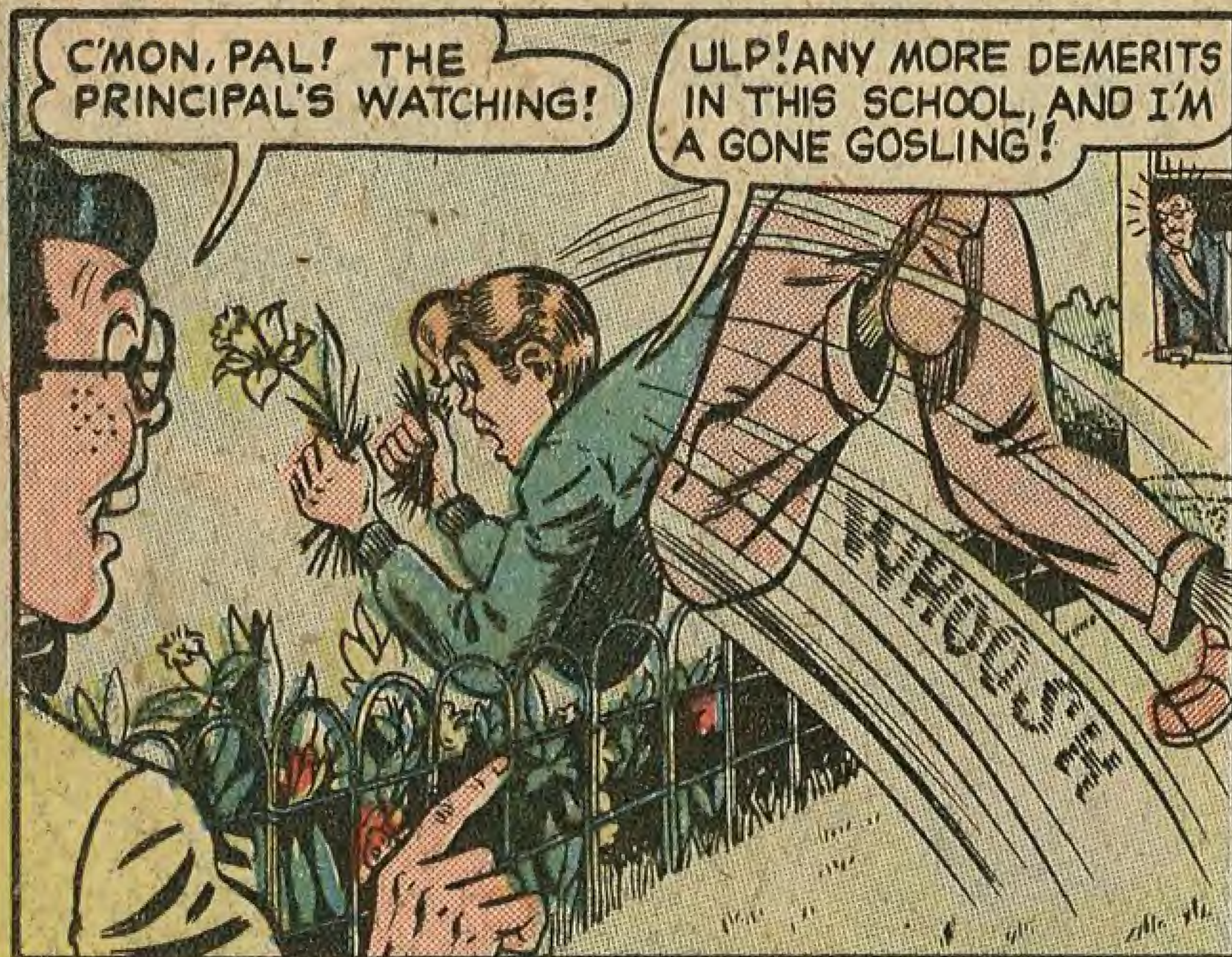




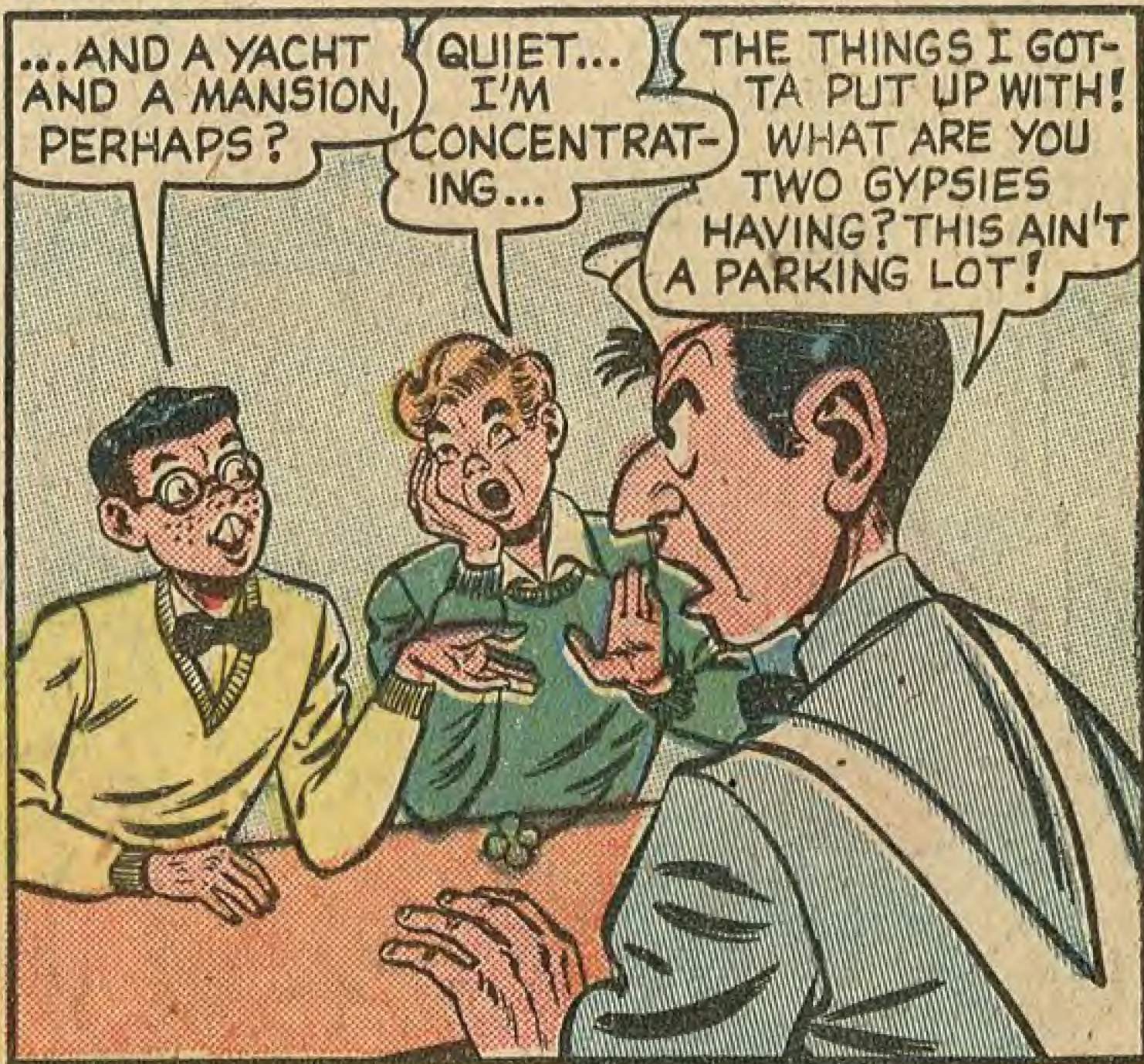
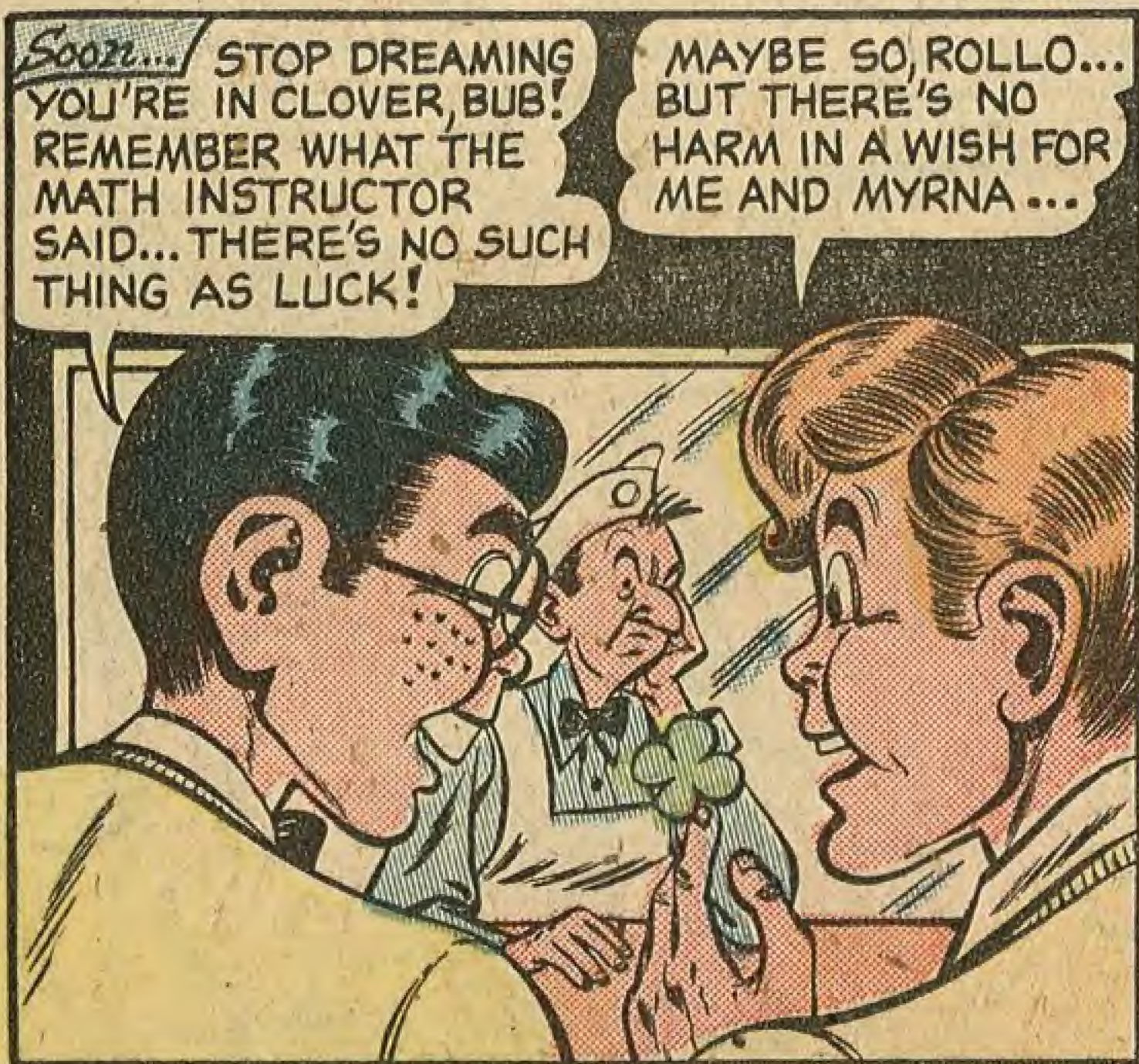




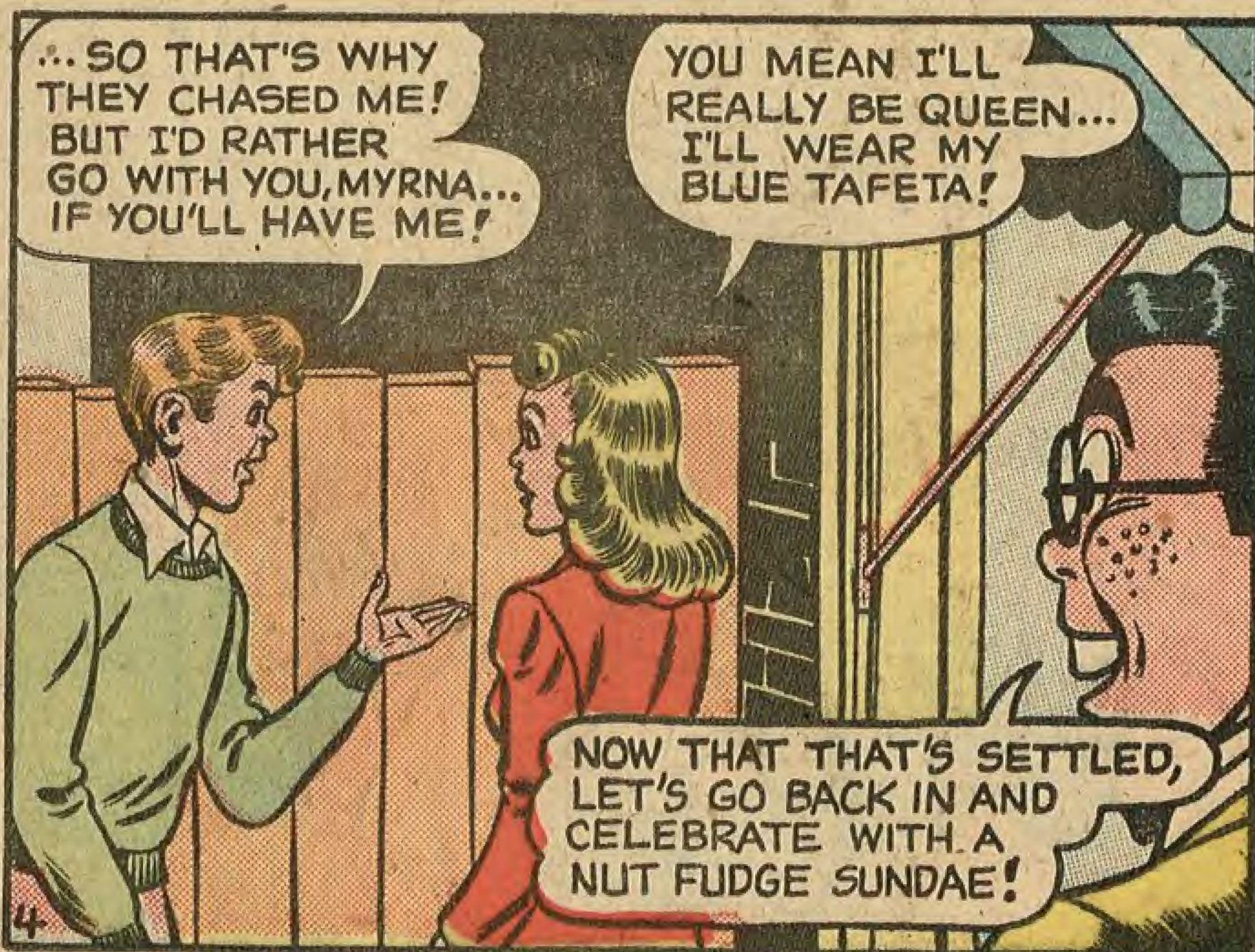














I'M GONNA KEEP THIS CLOVER IN MY MATH BOOK...JUST TO SHOW THAT TEACHER HE CAN'T REDUCE EVERYTHING TO FORMULAS!



ULP! HERE COMES DILSBURY, AND WHEN HE LOOKS LIKE THAT YOU CAN EXPECT A RUN OF **BAD LUCK!**

WHO'S AFRAID OF THAT GOLD-PLATED WOLF?!



YOU RUSHED OUT SO FAST, EZRA, I DIDN'T GET A CHANCE TO CONGRATULATE YOU!

GET LOST, DILSBURY! THERE ISN'T ROOM FOR YOU AND YOUR, UH... DATE!



WHEN YOU HEAR THIS, YOU'LL MAKE ROOM! EMILY HAPPENS TO BE **YOUR** DATE FOR THE LITTLE MARDI GRAS!

HUH?



SURE! EMILY WON THE OTHER CONTEST, "WHY I WOULD LIKE TO BE QUEEN OF THE LITTLE MARDI GRAS"! EVERYBODY RAN OFF WITHOUT READING THE SECOND PART OF THE NOTICE!

DAH, THAT'S RIGHT, EZRA... TEE, HEE!



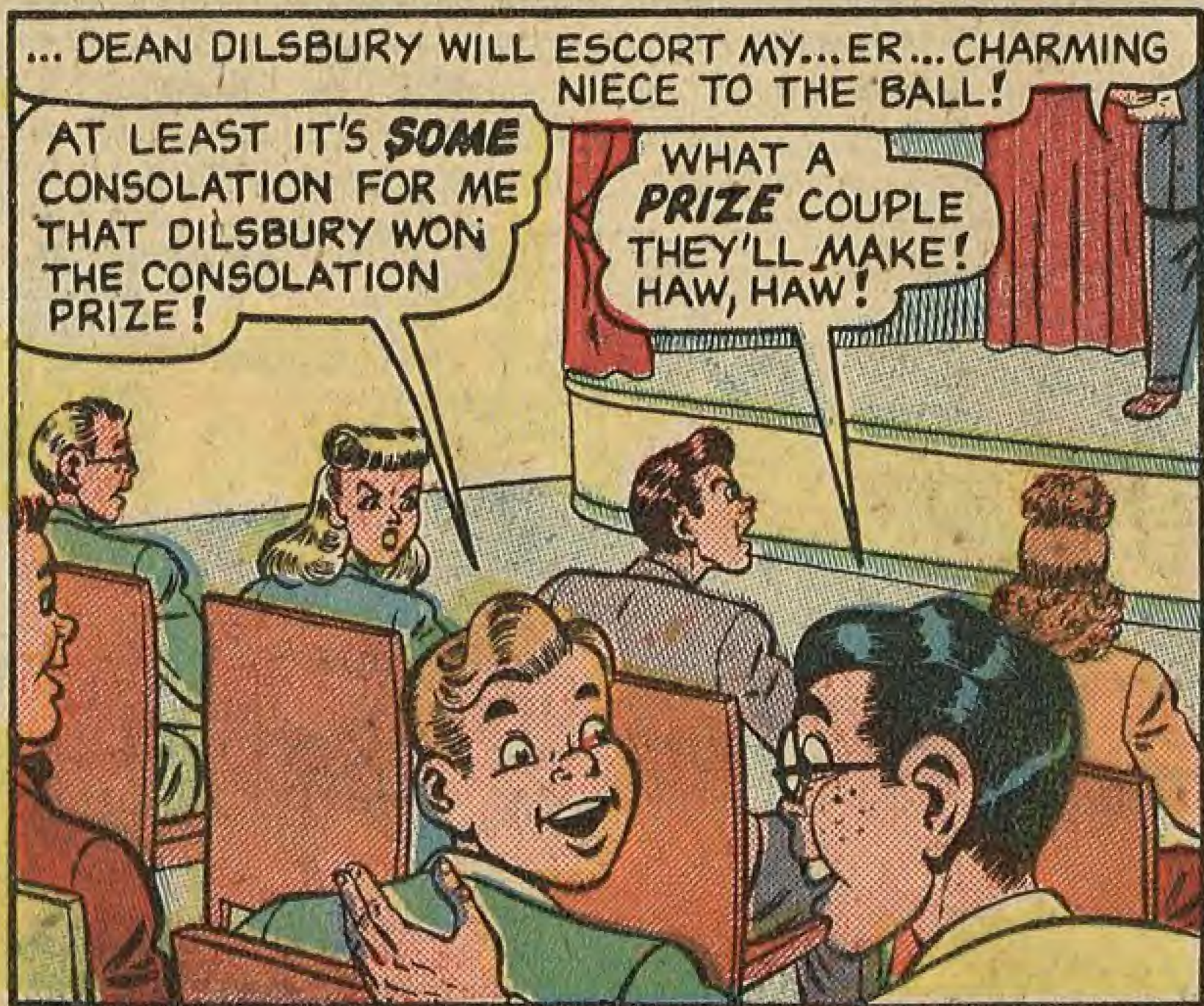
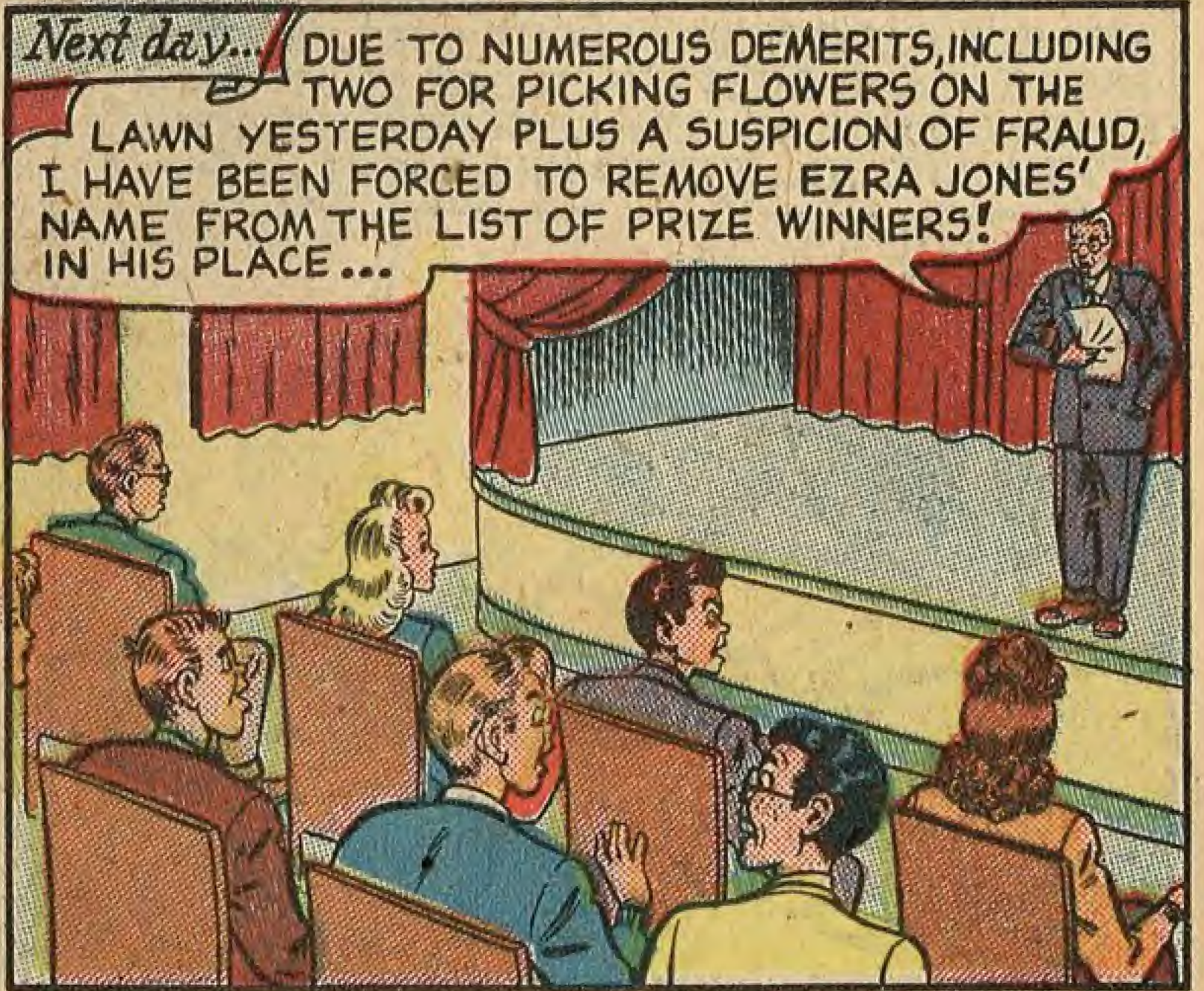
OH, NO!

YOU AND EMILY WILL HAVE A LOT TO TALK OVER! AND NOW THAT MYRNA DOESN'T HAVE A DATE, I'LL OFFER MY SERVICES!

I ACCEPT, DEAN! GOOD DAY, MR. JONES!









# Will Bragg

DON'T LOOK NOW, WILL, BUT I BELIEVE A BULL IS FOLLOWING US!

HARRUMPH! I'LL SEE TO IT THAT HE DOESN'T GET AHEAD OF ME!

MOTORCYCLE RACE TODAY  
KEEP CLEAR!



...AND DON'T COME BACK, WILL BRAGG, UNTIL YOU SCARE UP SOME RENT MONEY!

YES, MRS. MAHOULAHAN, I'LL SCARE... ULP, THERE'S EFFY! SHE'D SCARE THE HEAD OFF A LINCOLN PENNY!

WHY, WILL DEAR... I DO BELIEVE YOU PLANNED THAT TUFF JUST FOR AN EXCUSE TO FOLLOW ME OUT OF THE BOARDING HOUSE!

HUMPH! ON THE CONTRARY, EFFY... I ASSURE YOU! SAY... LOOKS LIKE THAT YOUNG MAN'S IN A FIX!

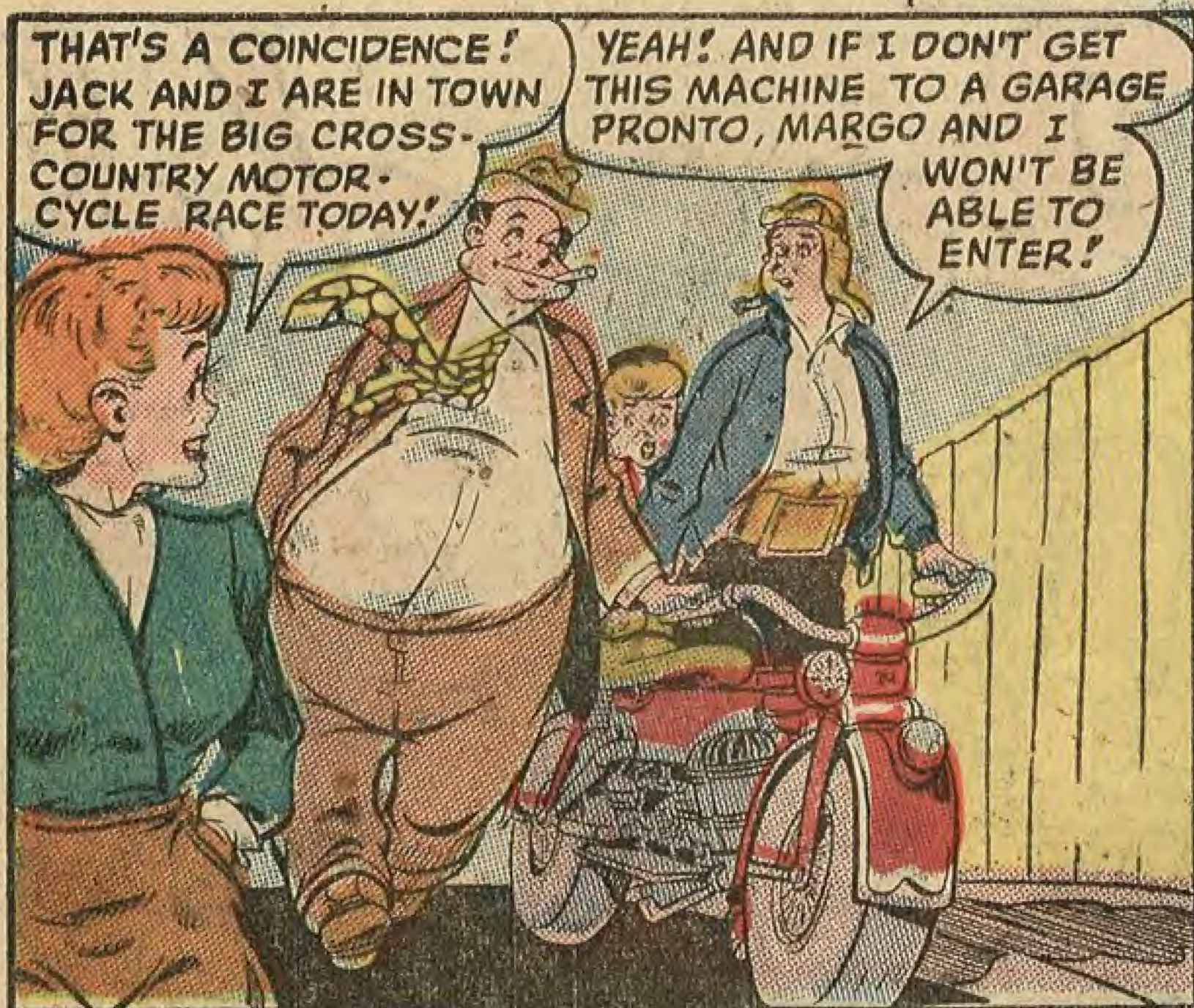
OH HURRY, JACK!

SMART DEDUCTION, BUB! IF I COULD FIX THIS DARNED MACHINE, I WOULDN'T BE IN A FIX!

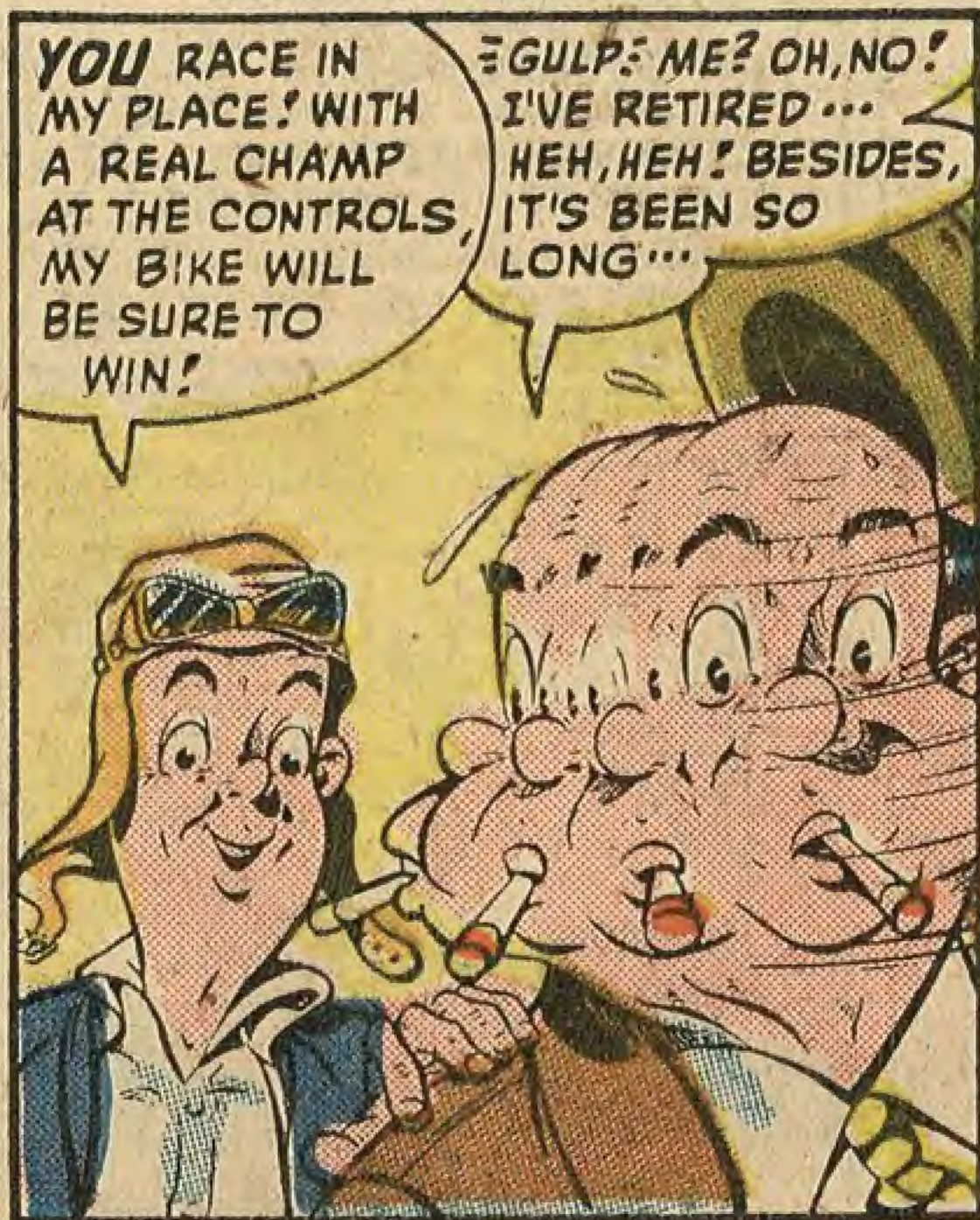
TUT, TUT! LET ME SEE... THERE ISN'T MUCH I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THESE TWO-WHEELED VEHICLES!



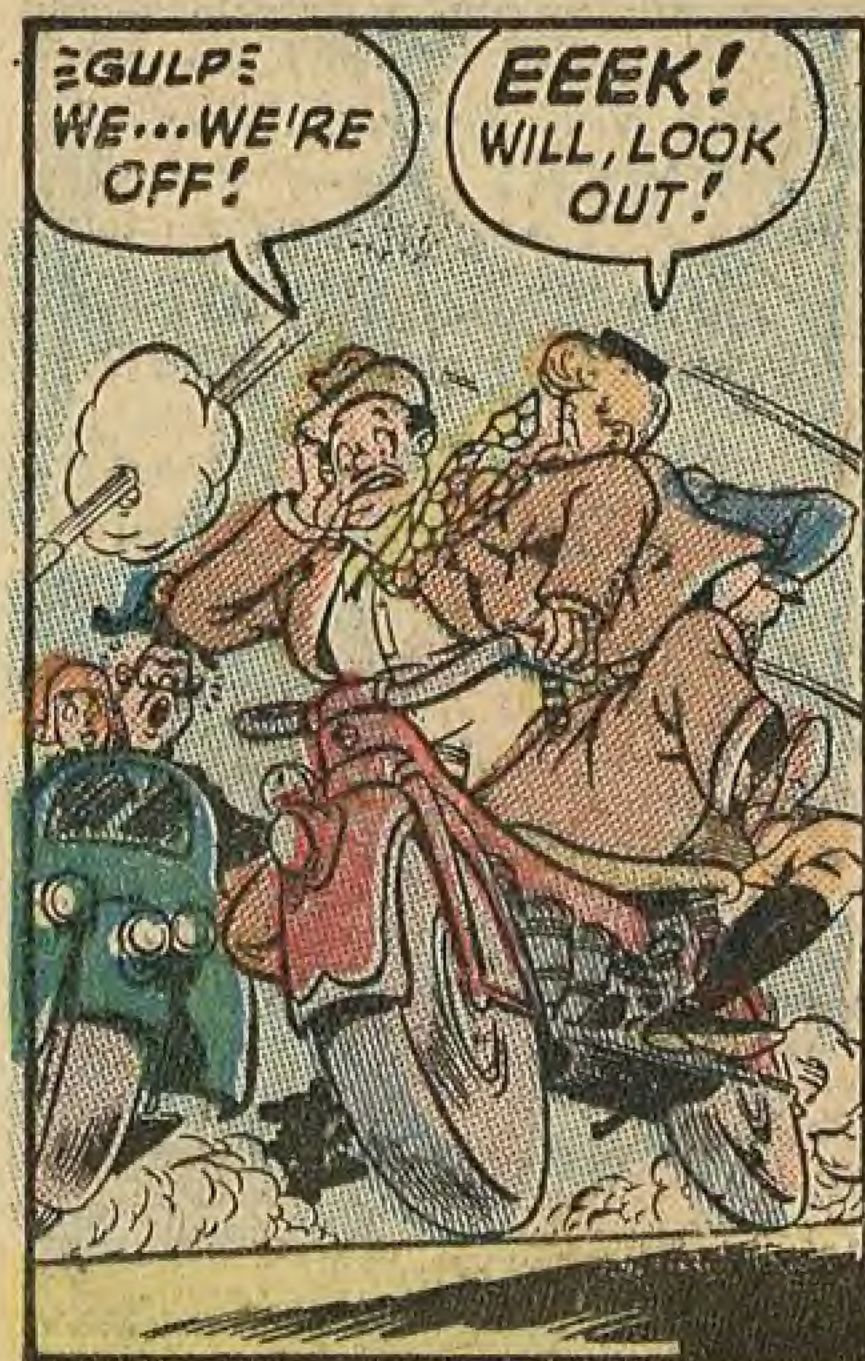
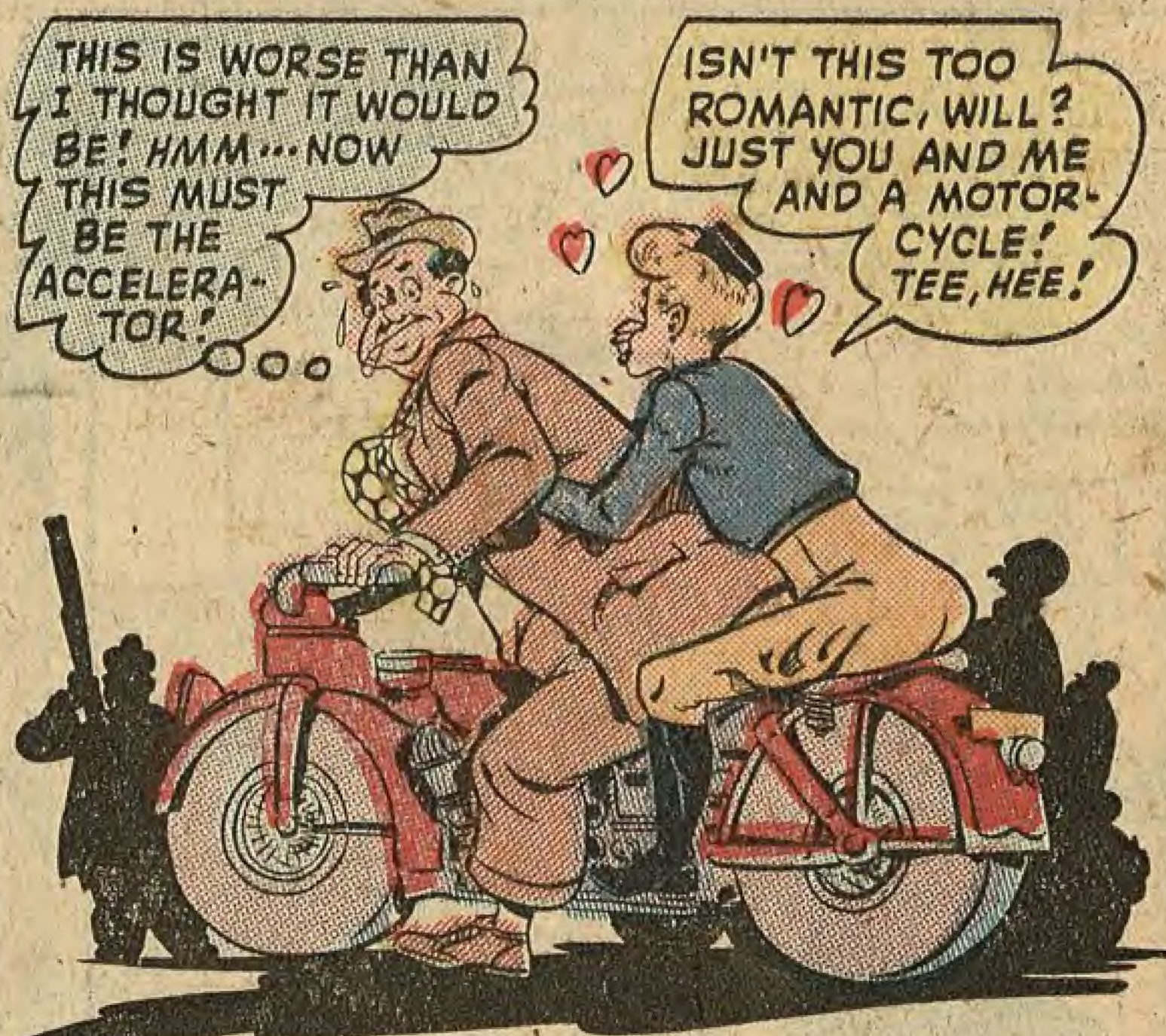
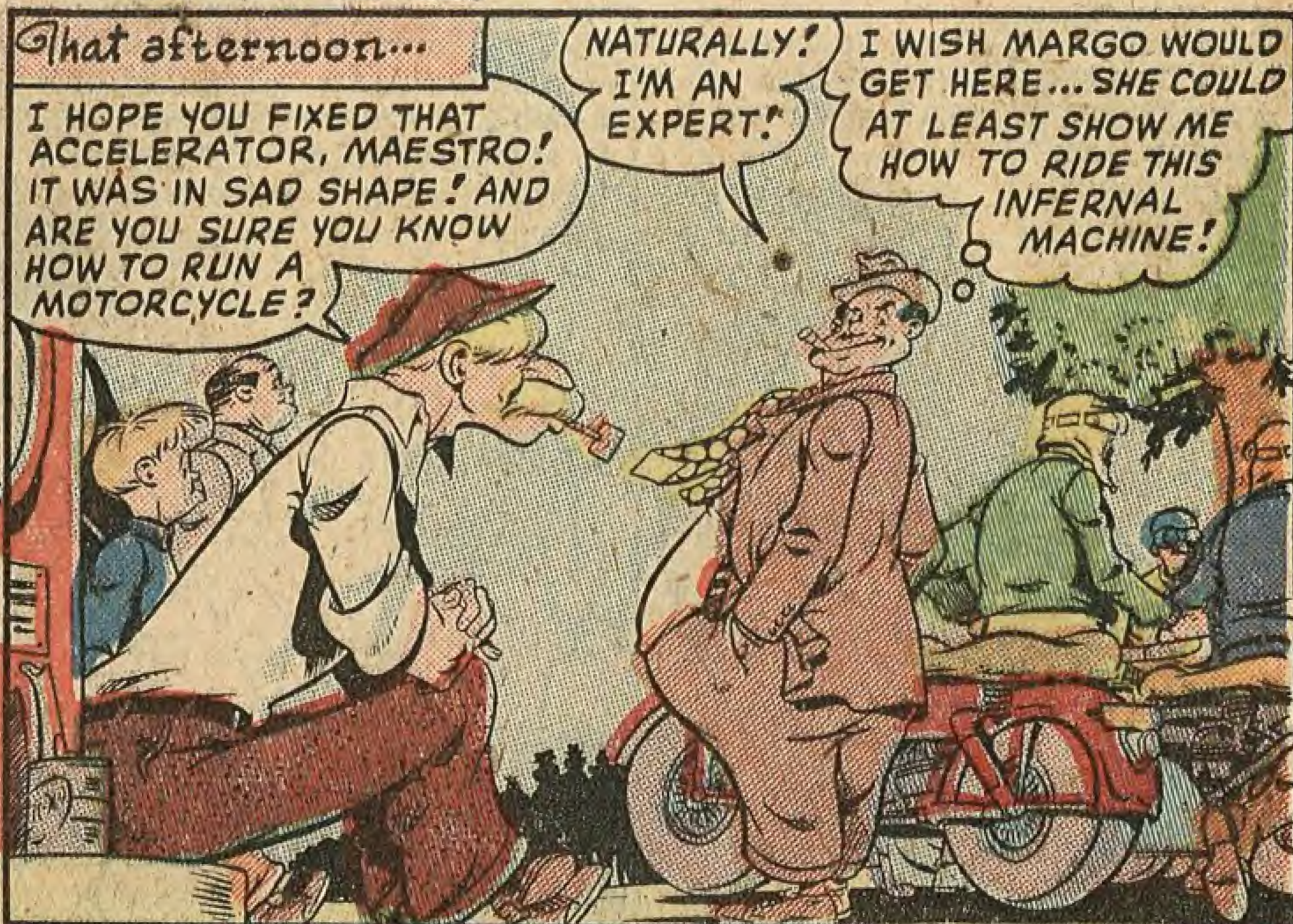








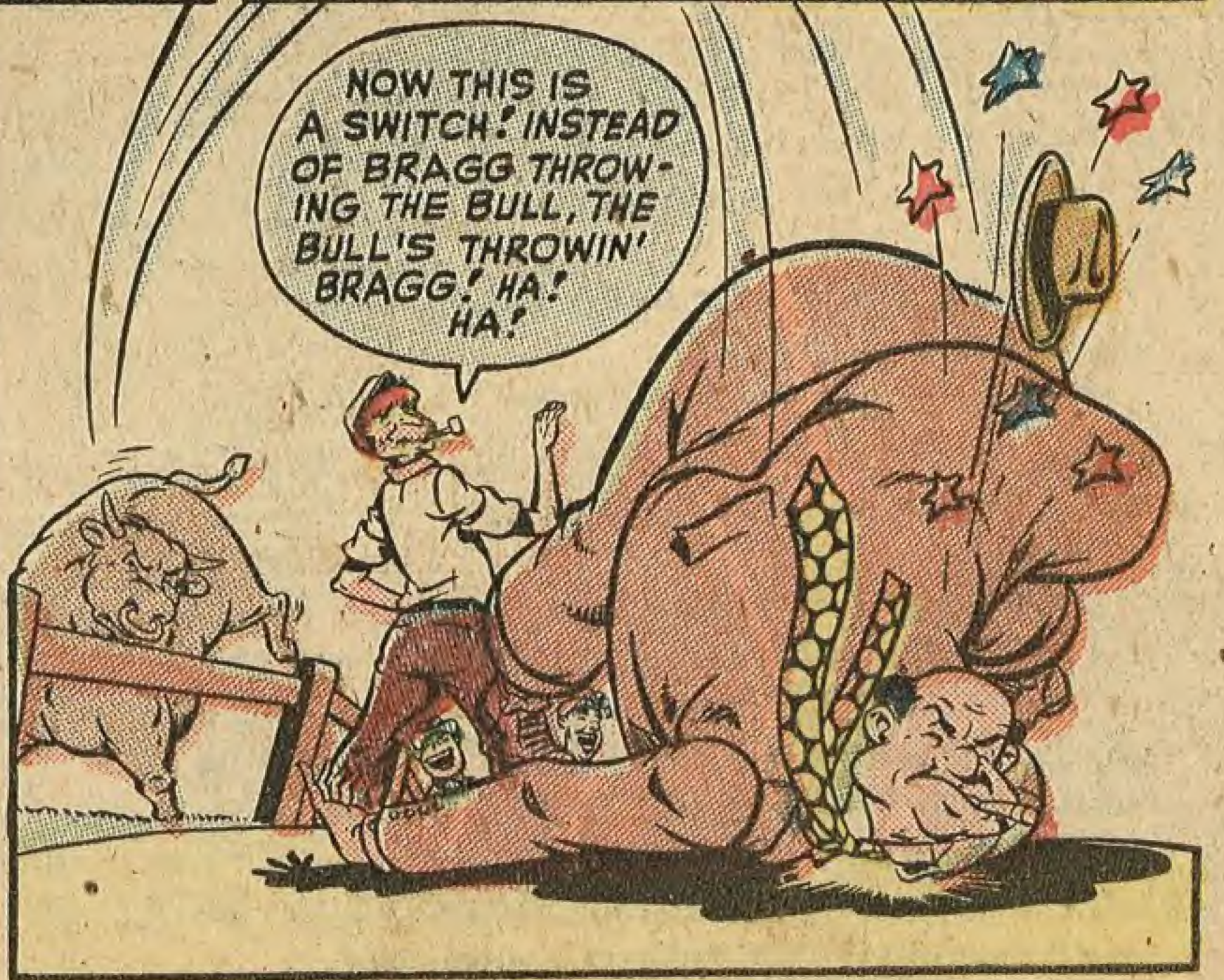
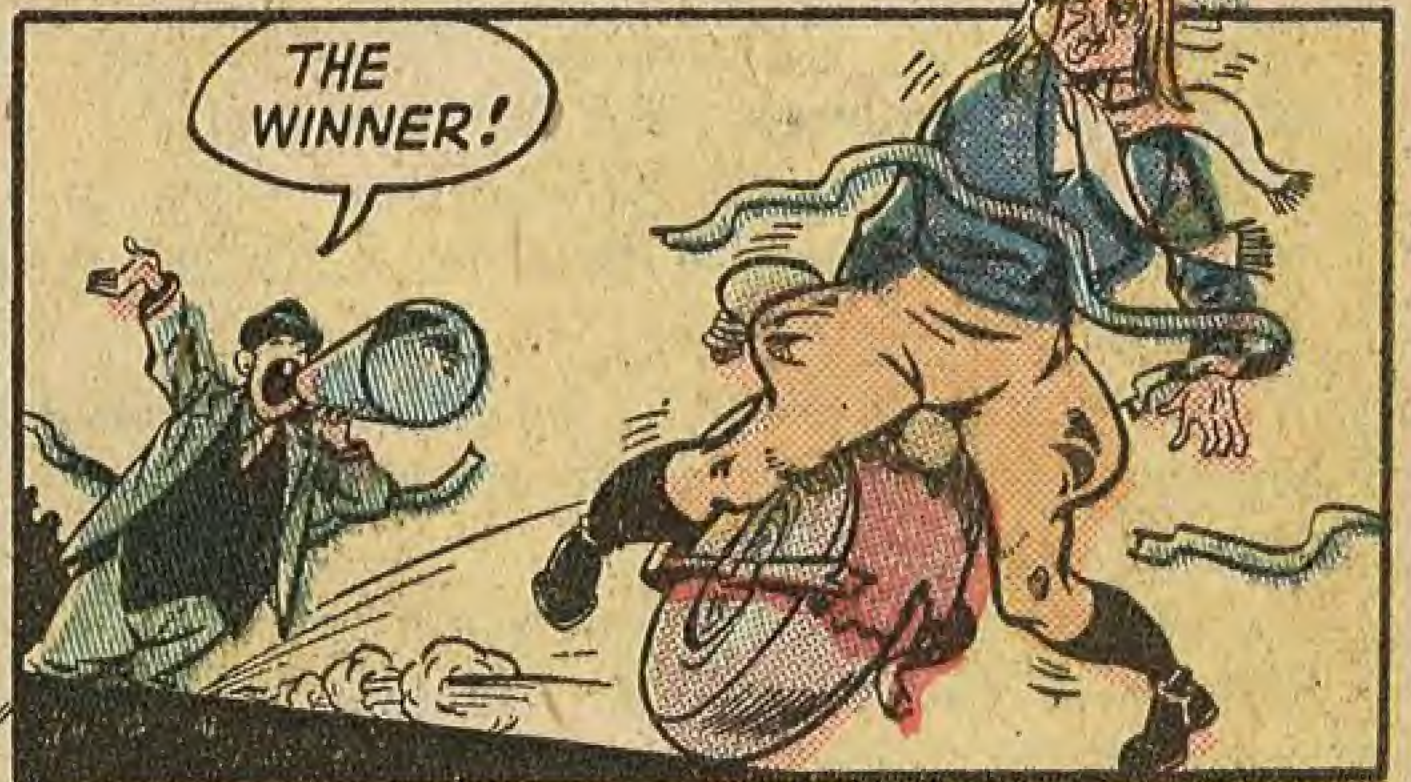
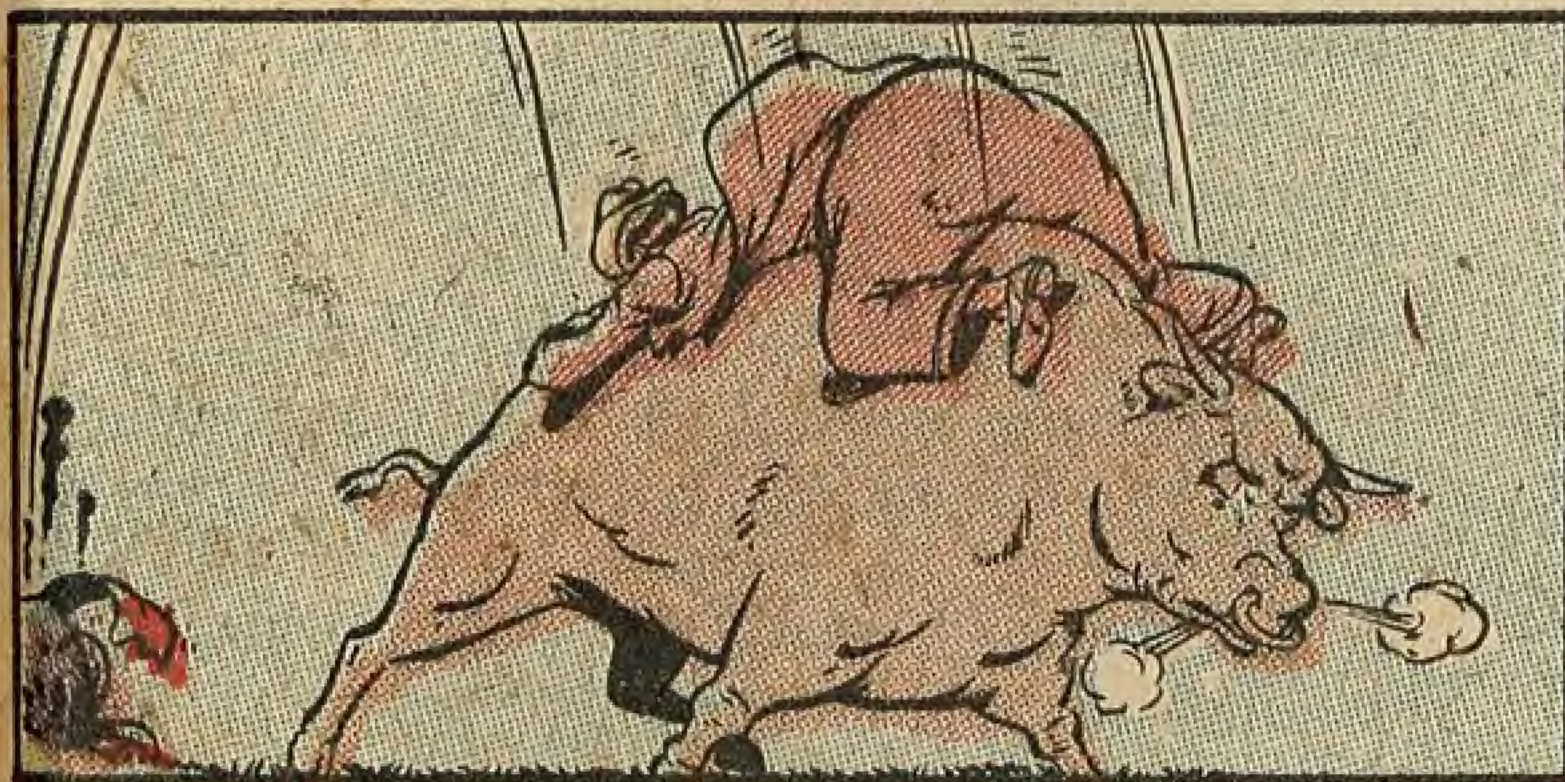
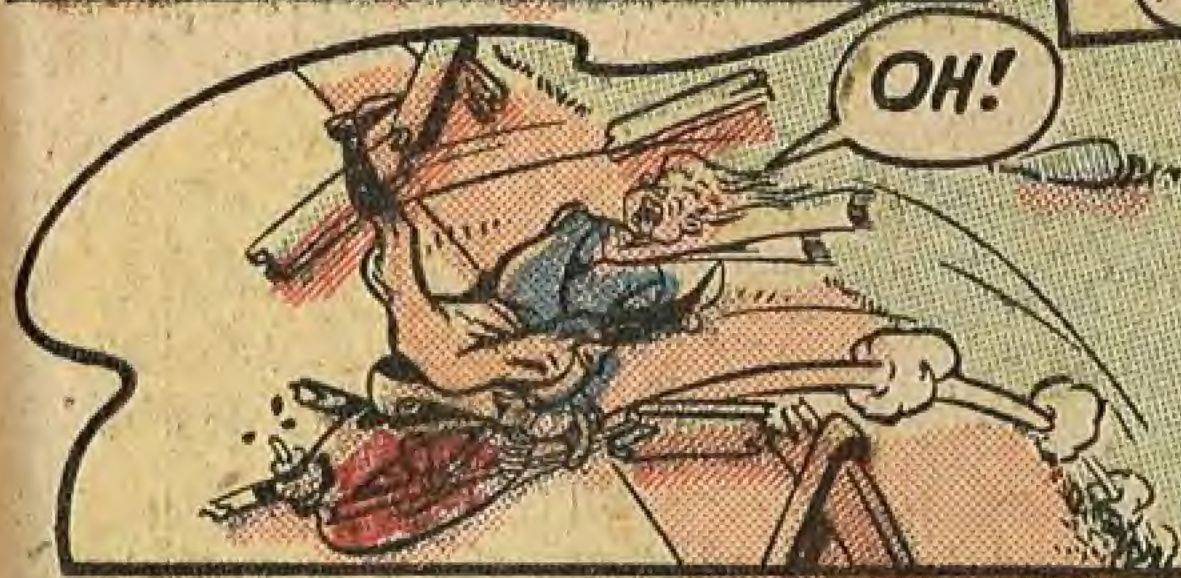
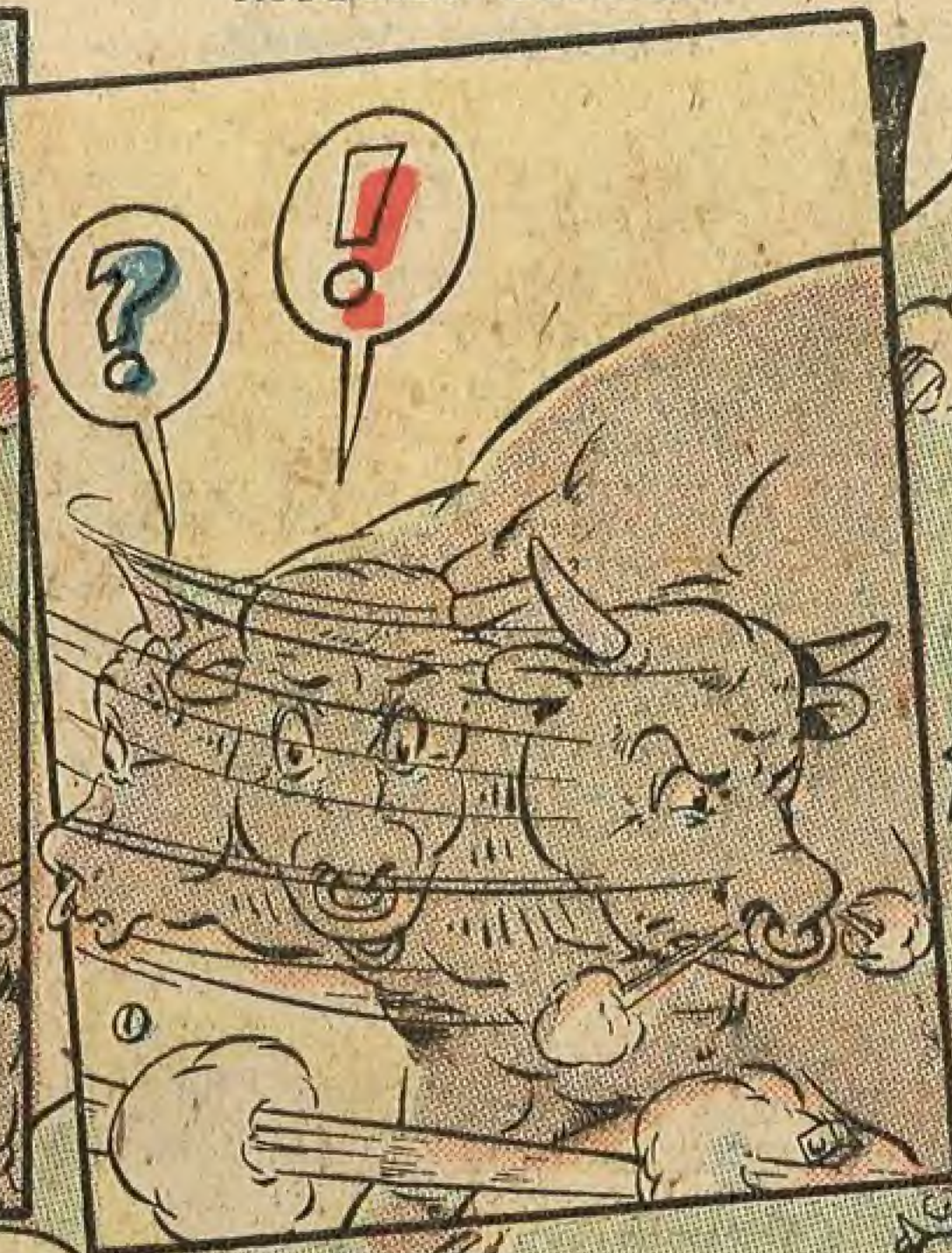








YIII!  
STOP!





# Pinetop Clue

"BLACKHAWK!" the young sergeant called urgently as he hurried from West Cove Operations. "The Forest Ranger over at Delmar Pass reports a plane of the type you're looking for was seen circling near there."

"Let's go, Stanislaus," Blackhawk said, starting for the sleek jet ship on the ramp. "This may be the break we've been expecting."

High over the pine-covered Delmar Range, Stanislaus looked down from the rear cockpit, saying, "There's the ranger station, but I don't see any ship."

"Not much of a place to land in this country," Blackhawk commented, surveying the rolling hills. "Wait," he said, "there's a small clearing to the west."

"According to the map," Stanislaus said, "that's a hunting lodge. It's probably deserted this time of year."

"We'll take a look anyway," Blackhawk said, banking sharply and diving down. "The ground looks smooth enough for a safe landing."

He throttled back, slowing the ship to its minimum flying speed, then let down his landing gear and full flaps.

"Hold on, Stanislaus," he called as the wheels touched at the edge of the clearing, "it's going to be a tight fit."

The ship stopped inches from a tree. "Whew," Stanislaus gasped. "What made you decide so suddenly to land?"

"When I made a pass over the field," Blackhawk replied, "I noticed the tips of several of those tall pines had been clipped off recently. It could be the missing plane did that in landing."

"There's a path over to the left, Blackhawk," Stanislaus said, pointing.

"Hold it," said Blackhawk. "I thought I caught a glint of metal over here in the brush." He struck off at an angle and plunged into the thicket.

Hidden by a covering of branches and leaves was a small, twin-engine transport.

"This is it," Blackhawk said, "the serial number checks . . . it's the remote landing control ship stolen from the Air Force Experimental Station."

"I see you're admiring the aircraft I recently acquired," a guttural voice said.

Blackhawk and Stanislaus looked up from their examination of the plane to see a thick-set man holding an automatic pistol unswervingly on them.

"Don't try anything foolish," the man advised. "You are covered on either side by marksmen with submachine guns."

"Now march up to the lodge," he ordered. "My men will camouflage your plane as they did the one I . . . shall I say, borrowed."

"It may interest you to know that one of the airport guards you attacked last night died," Blackhawk said grimly. "You will be tried for murder."

"As soon as I transmit the details of your remarkable landing device to my government, I, Alexandrei, will not be bothered by your stupid laws. And," he added significantly, "I doubt if you will either."

He stopped by the heavy oak door of the lodge. "You first," he ordered.

Blackhawk slipped the catch and swung the door open. He stepped in, keeping his left hand on the edge. He nodded imperceptibly to Stanislaus, who went quickly into the room.

As Alexandrei stepped over the threshold, Blackhawk swung the door with all his weight behind it.

It caught the surprised murderer on the hand, sending the pistol spinning. Before he could recover it, Blackhawk was upon him.

Now locked in a life-and-death struggle, both men toppled to the ground. Then Blackhawk put his forearm against the heavier man's neck and pushed, breaking the other's grip and then rolling away.

When he sought to close with Alexandrei again, he saw it was not necessary. The man lay limp on the ground.

Later, as Blackhawk headed his ship toward Blackhawk Island, Stanislaus called above the hiss of the jet engines, "We certainly owe a vote of thanks to the forest ranger who spotted the stolen plane, Blackhawk. He made our job a lot easier."

"Yes," Blackhawk replied, "it takes the co-operation and vigilance of all people, soldiers and civilians alike, to preserve the strength of a nation."









WHAT? HOW DARE YOU AGREE WITH ME?

BUT I HAD TO... I MEAN, I DON'T... I MEAN...



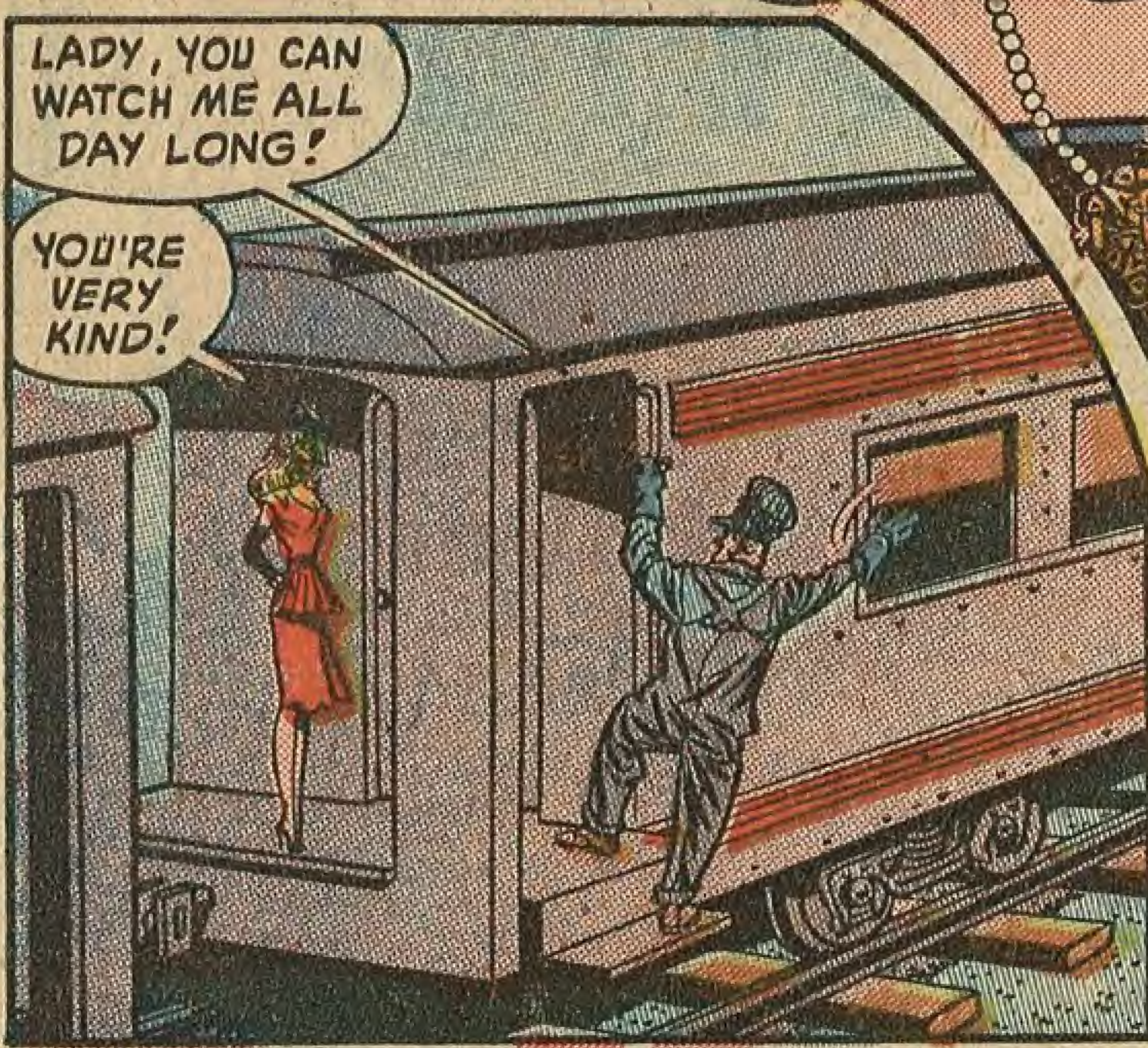
SILENCE, FOOL! MEN HAVE LOST THEIR HEADS FOR LESSER INSULTS TO THE QUEEN OF MORONIA!



On the same train...

SO THAT'S HOW IT'S DONE! I ALWAYS WONDERED HOW THESE CARS WERE UNCOUPLED! DID YOU MIND MY WATCHING YOU?

DID I MIND?



LADY, YOU CAN WATCH ME ALL DAY LONG!

YOU'RE VERY KIND!



I JUST CAN'T THINK OF WHAT IT IS, BUT I HAVE A FEELING I FORGOT SOMETHING!

OH WELL, IT CAN'T BE VERY IMPORTANT! WOULD YOU SHOW ME AROUND THE LOCOMOTIVE NOW?



ANYTHING YOU SAY?

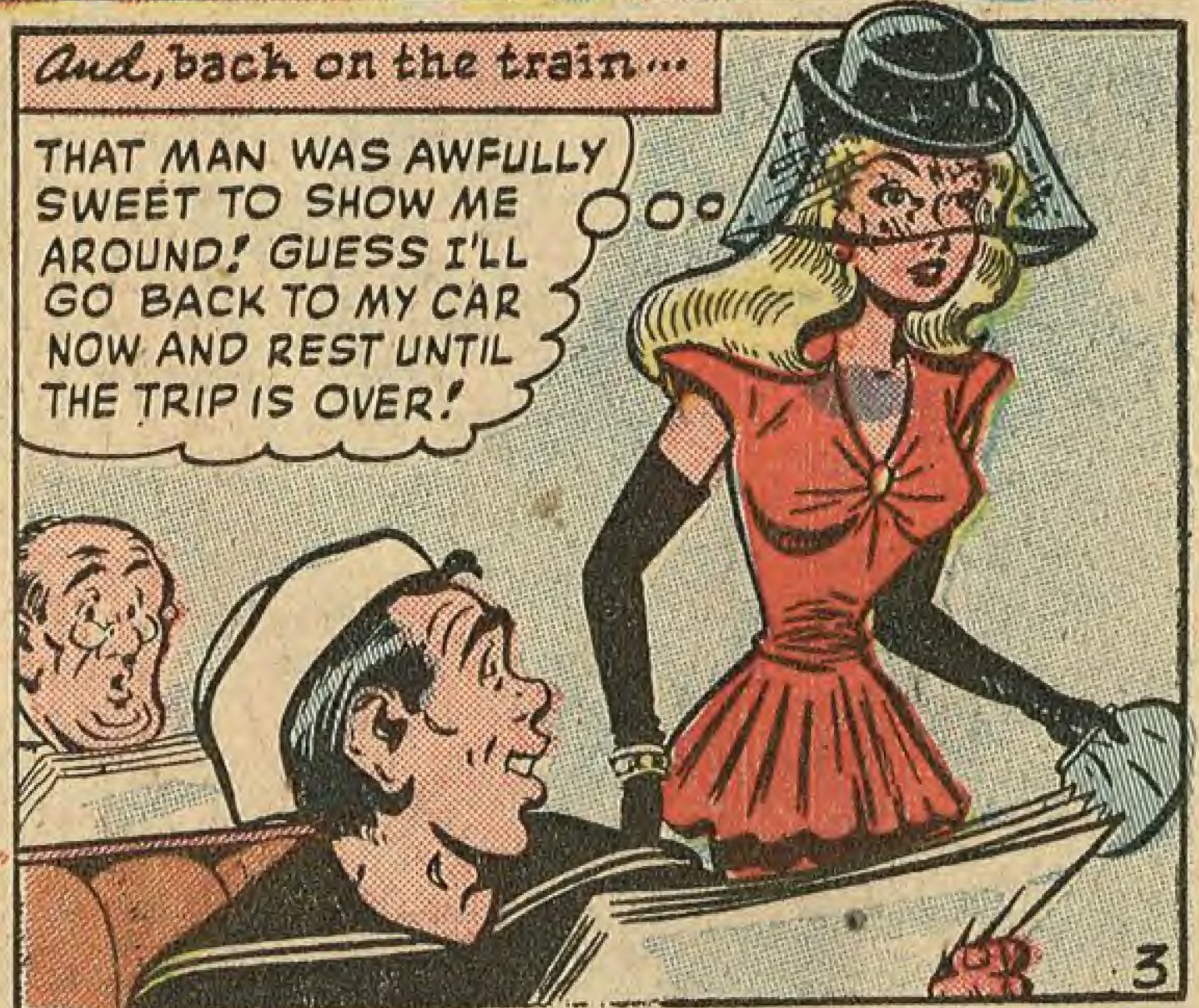
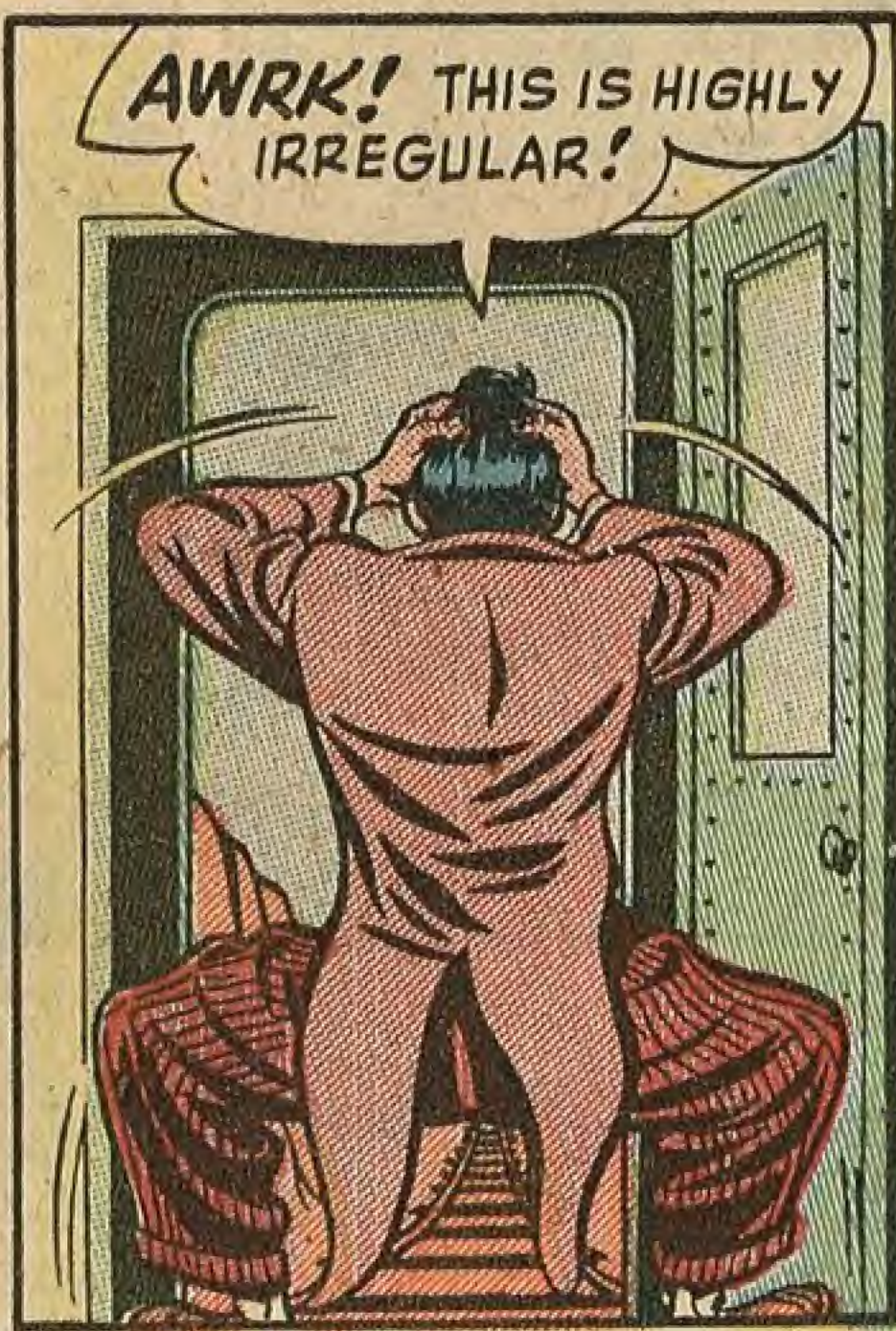
A TRAIN RIDE SEEMS SO MUCH SHORTER WHEN YOU FIND INTERESTING THINGS TO DO!



GRAWK! I JUST REMEMBERED!

WHAT?







Later...at a large terminal...

PUT THE CARPET RIGHT HERE! THE QUEEN WILL BE IN THE LAST CAR!

YES, SIR!



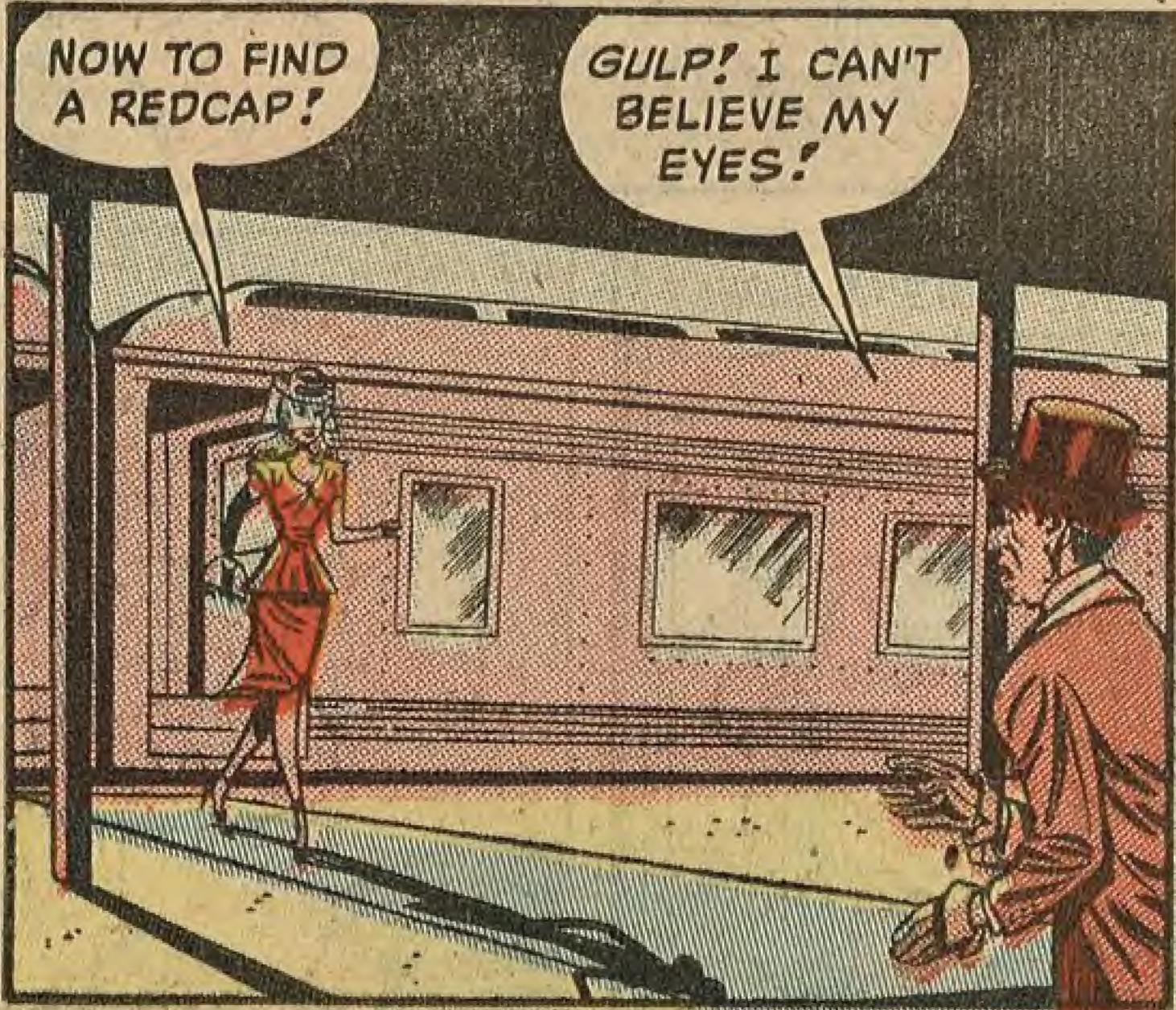
HERE COMES THE TRAIN! I WONDER WHETHER THE SPA REALLY WORKED WONDERS FOR THE QUEEN!

MUCH AS I LOVE OUR SOVEREIGN, THE SPA WOULD HAVE TO BE WONDROUS INDEED TO MAKE HER BEAUTIFUL!



NOW TO FIND A REDCAP!

GULP! I CAN'T BELIEVE MY EYES!



IT'S MIRACULOUS! OUR QUEEN HAS BECOME A RAVING BEAUTY!

YOUR MAJESTY!



WE HAVE LIVED FOR THIS MOMENT WHEN WE COULD WELCOME OUR BEAUTIFUL, ADORABLE, LOVELY QUEEN!

TOMORROW WE FLY TO MORONIA, WHERE ALL YOUR SUBJECTS MAY BEHOLD YOU WITH THE SAME DELIGHT!



MEANWHILE, LET US GO TO THE ROYAL SUITE AT THE HOTEL!

LOOK, BOYS! CUT THE COMEDY! ALL I WANT IS A REDCAP TO GET MY BAG!





AH! I UNDERSTAND! YOUR MAJESTY IS SO APPRECIATIVE OF THE THINGS THIS COUNTRY HAS DONE FOR YOU, THAT YOU WISH TO BEHAVE SIMPLY AND DEMOCRATICALLY!

BUT YOUR MAJESTY MUST NOT OVERDO IT! AFTER ALL, YOU ARE STILL THE QUEEN OF MORONIA!

Later...

OH WELL, I TRIED HARD TO CONVINCE THEM I'M NO QUEEN, BUT, IF THEY INSIST, I MAY AS WELL ENJOY THE EXPERIENCE!

In the meantime...

I'LL TEACH WHOEVER IS BEHIND THIS PLOT TO SIDE-TRACK ME, A LESSON THEY WON'T FORGET!

HA! HA! I'LL WAGER THEY NEVER THOUGHT YOU'D CHARTER A PLANE!

SO! A PALACE REVOLUTION! THE TRAITORS HAVE PUT A NEW QUEEN IN MY PLACE!

AND WHAT A QUEEN!

QUICK! MY GRANDFATHER'S SWORD! I'LL SETTLE THIS IN MORONIAN STYLE!

THE QUEEN OF MORONIA ... AND HOMELY AS EVER!

BUT YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND! I DIDN'T WANT YOUR JOB!

NO NEED FOR THE REST OF YOU TO COME ALONG! I'LL DEAL WITH YOU LATER!

DON'T BE SILLY! WE'RE RESIGNING OUR MORONIAN CITIZENSHIP! ROYALTY'S OLD-FASHIONED ANYWAY!

AND I DIDN'T DO A THING TO BRING THIS ON!



# Amazing NEW TOY GUN



**"Shoots" Like  
a Real Gun**

IS'NT MY  
NEW GUN'A  
HONEY?

HELP! HELP!  
THE BANK'S  
BEEN  
ROBBED!

LET'S GET  
OUT'A HERE  
BILLY!

WAIT, I'VE  
GOT AN IDEA!  
**STOP OR  
I'LL SHOOT!**

JEEZ! THE  
KID'S GOT A  
REAL GUN  
KILLER!

GEE WHIZ, BILLY!  
IT SHOOTS JUST  
LIKE A REAL GUN!  
LET'S PLAY G-MAN

GOOD WORK, BILLY.  
WE'VE BEEN AFTER  
THESE CROOKS FOR  
A LONG TIME...

YOU FOOLED US, KID.  
I THOUGHT THAT GUN  
WAS A REAL ONE!

BILLY, YOU SAVED  
THE BANK. HERE'S  
YOUR REWARD!

THANK YOU  
MR. BANKER,  
BUT MY NEW  
GUN DESERVES  
THE CREDIT

OH BOY! I'M  
GOING TO  
SEND FOR MY  
GUN TODAY.

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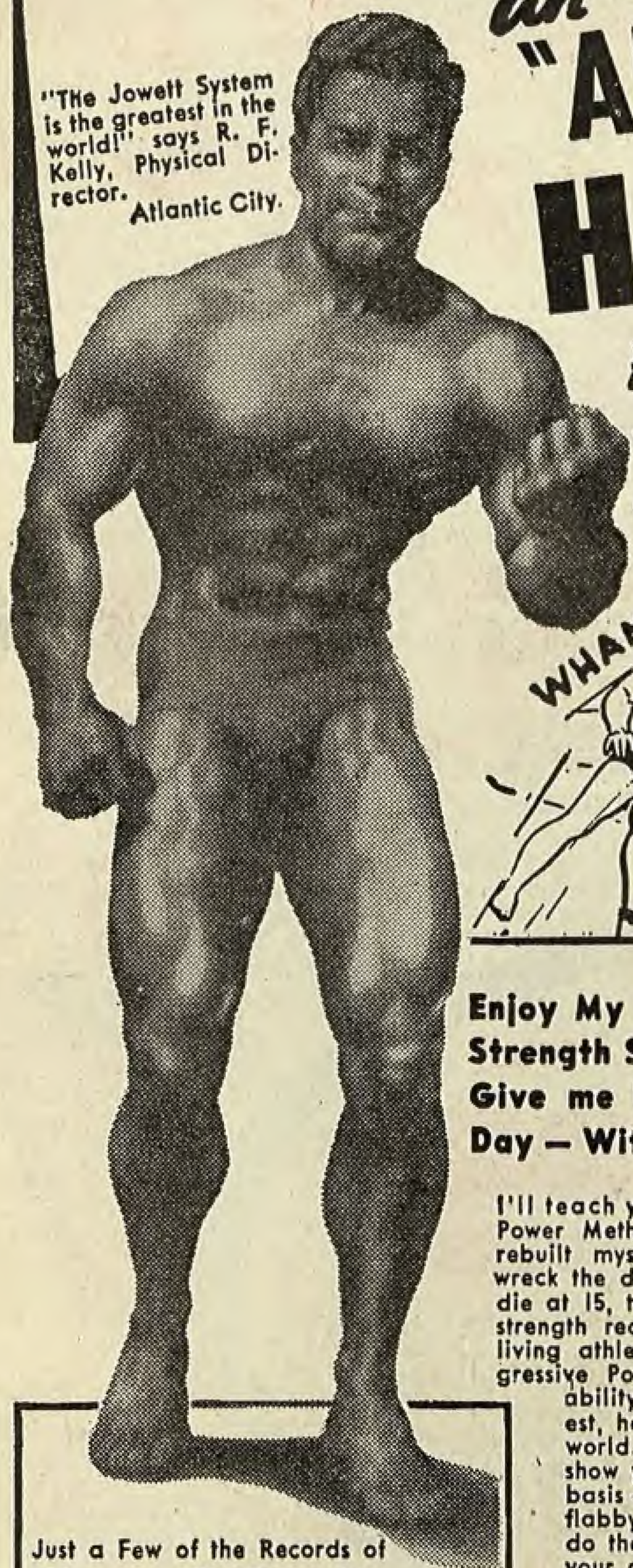


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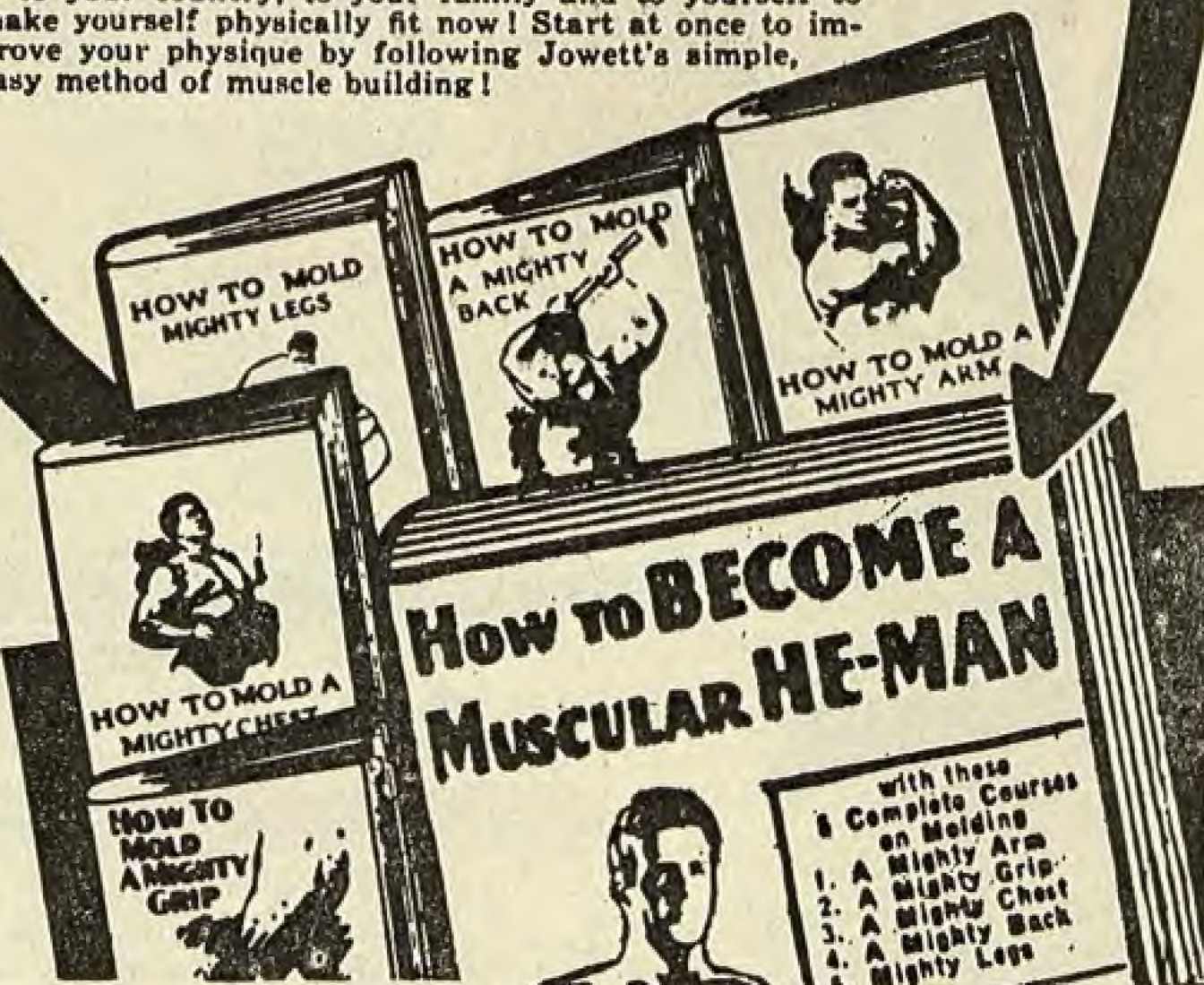
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